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INVASION SPEARHEADS IN PALESTINE

Northern Border Pierced At Two Points By Arabs

Britain's Firm Threat To Jewish Terrorists

Jerusalem, May 1.

Syrian, Lebanese and Egyptian forces were reported today inside Palestine with invasion spearheads.

Headquarters of the Jewish militia Haganah reported at Tel-Aviv that Syrian and Lebanese forces invaded northern Palestine at dawn today and struck at three Jewish settlements with armoured cars and tanks.

A short time later an unofficial source at Cairo said the Egyptian Army had crossed the Palestine border last midnight. Official sources declined to comment on the report.

A British announcement said meanwhile at least 70 Jews of Irgun Zvai Leumi, Jewish underground army, were reported killed when Irgun broke a British cease-fire order in the border area between Jaffa and Tel-Aviv during the night.

The Haganah announcement said the Arab forces from Syria and Lebanon were attacking the settlements of Dufne, Ramet Nattali and Dan, in the first outright invasion of Palestine by any of the neighbouring Arab states.

The report said the thrust was made into the northern part of Palestine from two directions: one force crossing the Lebanese frontier and the other the Syrian frontier a few miles away.

The announcement said the armoured forces had fought their way up to the outposts guarding the settlements. The attack was using tanks, machine-guns and armoured cars, Haganah said. At Ramet Nattali, six Lebanese tanks have reached the settlement defenses. There is heavy fighting. First reports of casualties have begun to come in.

BRITAIN'S STAND

From London Associated Press reported that Britain stood firm today of its vow to resist any invasion of mandated Palestine.

A Foreign Office spokesman said the British could not affirm the Haganah report of an Arab invasion, but in any case British position is unchanged. The British Government has said repeatedly it will resist invasion while it holds the mandate—and thus holds responsibility for the Holy Land. The Haganah report raised grave military and diplomatic questions.

British troops already are being withdrawn from Palestine and consequently any effort to back up with arms the British pledge to resist presented many difficulties.

Britain has been wooing the Arab States with offers of friendship to strengthen the British position in the strategic Middle East. Under those treaties Britain furnishes Arab States with their arms in exchange for bases and other military considerations.

Britain has these courses: 1. Use of force to check an invasion. 2. Adoption of a neutral attitude so long as the Arab armies remain in that part of Palestine marked out for Arab domination under the United Nations partition plan. 3. Stoppage of arms sales to the Arabs.

Acceleration of its troop withdrawal as advocated by some members of Commons.

An official announcement said today at least 70 Jews in Irgun Zvai Leumi were reported killed when Irgun broke a British cease-fire order in the Jaffa-Tel-Aviv border area during the night.

According to military sources, Irgun Zvai Leumi, using mortars, occupied a house within 30 yards of the flank of British forces in

the border area, the British announcement said. "Mortar shells fell within the area held by British troops. An armoured car and men of the Anglo Highlanders went into action and drove Irgun Zvai Leumi back."

Other Irgun Zvai Leumi forces advancing toward Jaffa's magistrates court were shelled by the Army with mortars and two pounders.

JEWS THREATENED

Jewish shock troops threw a headlock last night around a string of Arab strong points in a 22 hours battle for Jerusalem.

Fighting in the southern section of the Holy City halted for a time when Arab fighters asked for a truce. Then the struggle was resumed as two heavy explosions rocked the battered Katamon area.

Just before the brief halt in the struggle, a Jewish Agency spokesman said the British District Commissioner had sent word to the Jews that if the battle was continued, "Britain would use all its arms including air power" against Jewish sections of Jerusalem.

On the Palestine coast other Jewish units moved into Salama, a little more than one mile from Jaffa. The Jews were reported

unofficially to have seized also the neighbouring town of Yaffa on the Jaffa-Jerusalem highway. An iron ring thus has been closed around the Arab port city of Jaffa, if Yaffa as well as Salama now is in Jewish hands.

Both in the Jaffa area and Jerusalem fighting the Jews are strength on promontories at either end of the Katamon quarter, originally a mixed section of the city from which the Jews were driven weeks ago.

Arab commanders threatened to launch another counterblow as soon as their artillery and the rest of their reinforcements come up, they said. They were confident they would throw the Jews out of the quarter.

A Jewish detachment was reported to have attempted to sabotage the road running northeast from Jerusalem to Jericho to prevent or at least delay the arrival of additional Arab troops.

Subsequently, however, Arab reinforcements were seen arriving in the Holy City. Associated Press.

May Day Atmosphere Tense But Quiet

New York, May 1.

Millions of workers throughout the world celebrated their 59th May Day today in rival demonstrations—their ranks split by the struggle between Communism and the West.

In Athens, an attempt was made to assassinate Greek Minister of Justice Christos Ladas. Police said an attacker confessed he was under orders from a Communist execution squad.

In Trieste, Rome, Berlin and Korea the atmosphere was tense. In the European hot spots the celebrations produced only minor incidents. In Korea there was rioting across the 38th Parallel but no disorders developed.

Attack Marshall Plan. More than 300,000 surged through rubble strewn Berlin, some supporting and others denouncing Communism in bitter terms. Police said more than 200,000 thronged the Soviet sector to hear Communist speakers attack the Marshall Plan.

Teachers' Case Taken Up. The Hong Kong Teachers' Association has taken up the case of the 540 grant-aid school-teachers, the "Sunday Herald" learned reliably yesterday.

A lengthy letter has been sent to the Education Department asking for clarification of the status of grant-school teachers in respect of their salary scales and the recommendations of the Salaries Commission.

The letter was sent a week ago. Asked by the "Sunday Herald" yesterday for a further statement on the question, the Government spokesman replied that none was available yet.

Loudest applause at Berlin's anti-Communist meeting went to Henry Reiz of the American declared: "I can assure you the Western powers have no intention of leaving Berlin. Our transport and communication lines will be held. Our troops will stay until all occupation forces leave."

Gigantic Parade. In Moscow, Prime Minister Stalin reviewed a gigantic parade in Red Square. The emphasis seemed to be more on civilian than military but Marshall told the vast throng, which included U.S. Ambassador Walter B. Smith and other foreign diplomats that Russia's armed forces will "honourably fulfill all the tasks before them."

In an order of the day Minister of Labour when he later of Armed Forces, Bulganin urged Soviet preparedness against "the intrigues of international reaction."

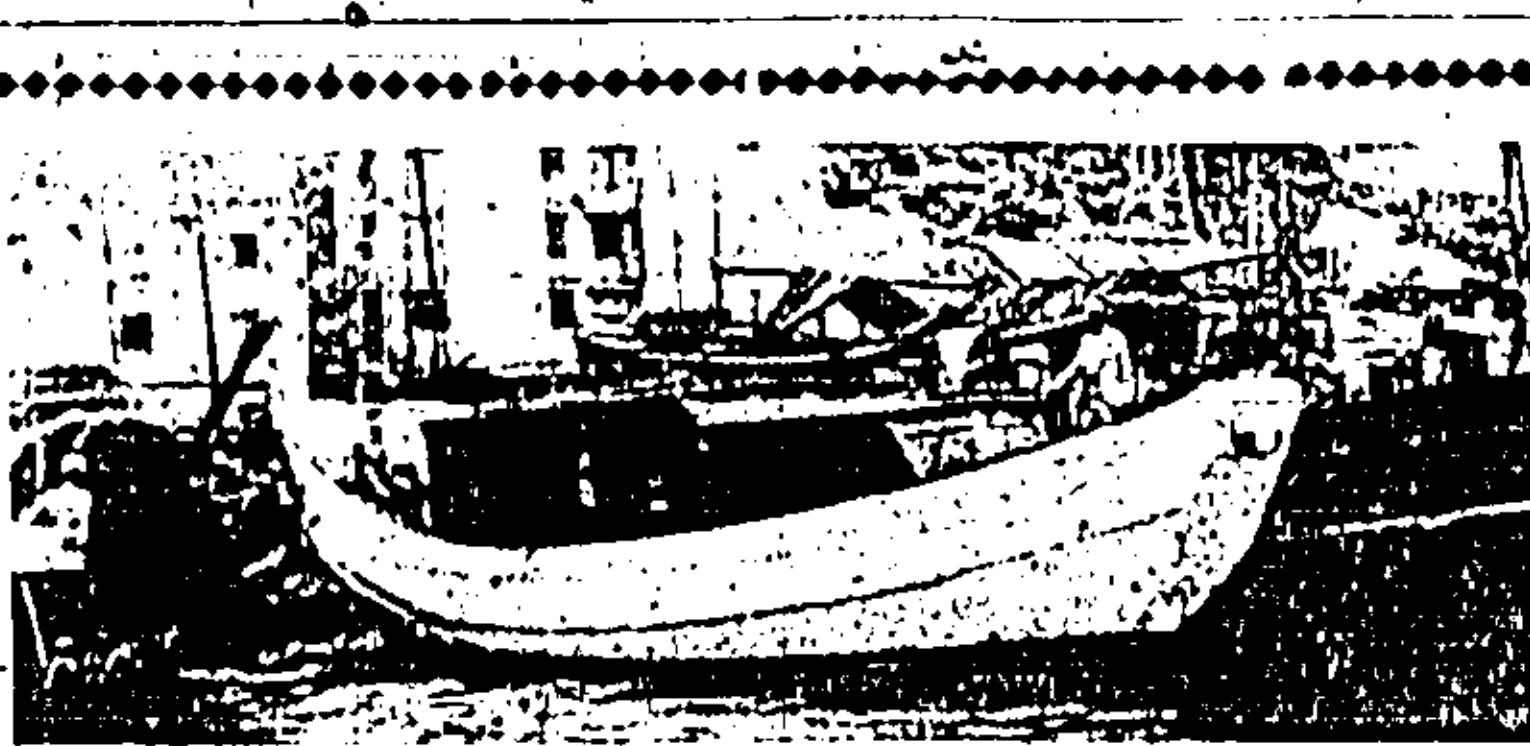
In Singapore, despite a week of rising labour tension and a five-day harbour strike, there was no effort to defy a Government ban against parades.

In Shanghai, the only disturbance was exploding fire crackers shot off as 200 truckloads of Chinese workers trundled through the city. Associated Press.

MAY DAY IN KOWLOON

More than 1,000 Chinese workers celebrated May Day yesterday at the Kowloon Opera House in Kowloon.

Mr. K. A. Baker, Labour Adviser to the Government, made a speech in which he explained the significance of Labour Day. The celebrations were concluded with an opera show. Last night representatives of the different labour unions gathered at the Kam Ling Restaurant to commemorate the occasion.



FLOATING HOME.—Here is the first postwar \$12,000 luxury junk off the slipway of Loon Shing-lee's shipyard at Shaikwan. It has a double-bedroom, large kitchen, separate saloon, toilet-bathroom, and a galley. The price, however, is exclusive of motor and refrigerator. A house-keeping French resident contemplates ordering one. Sunday Herald Photo.

LINCOLN HIT BY LIGHTNING

Marseilles, Apr. 30.

Eleven people died when a Royal Air Force four-engined Lincoln, on its way from Malta to Britain, was struck by lightning and exploded in the air over Verquieres, a small village near Avignon, southern France.

Assembly Proposal Vetoed

Nanking, May 1. The Legislative Yuan today rejected the proposal submitted by the National Assembly to increase the size of the Legislative Yuan by 150 seats.

The measure was approved by the State Council and will now be returned to the Council for reconsideration following veto by the Legislative Yuan.

Expansion of the Legislative Yuan was proposed in a two-fold resolution passed by the National Assembly. The resolution called for expansion of the Assembly by 300 seats and the Legislative Yuan by 150. The present size of the Legislative Yuan is 773 seats.

The reason given for the proposed expansion was to resolve the dispute over seats between regular Kuomintang candidates and independents. The Assembly has already been expanded.

The Legislative Yuan, under the chairmanship of Dr. Sun Fo, today said the proposed expansion would not only solve the problem but would lead to additional conflict. United Press.

Japanese Poachers

Nanking, May 1. The Chinese Navy today invited passenger and fishing vessels to help seize Japanese fishing boats in Chinese waters with a share in the catch as a prize.

At the same time, according to a military spokesman, the Navy alerted all its coastal bases to stop and confiscate Japanese fishing boats.

The decision followed the Government's failure to prevent, through the Allied Control Council, illegal entry of Japanese into Chinese fishing areas.

Twenty Japanese junks have been seized by the Formosan Customs, the Government Central News reported.

Taiwan's (Formosa's) fishing guild petitioned the Chinese Foreign Office to obtain the release of ten fishing boats seized by the Philippines recently on the high seas, the spokesman said.

The spokesman said he had received no reply to the protest. Associated Press.

Nine bodies had been recovered from the debris tonight. All were military personnel.

Debris was scattered over a wide area. At least one body was known to be still entombed in the wreck.

The plane had just emerged from a heavy cloud during a thunderstorm when it was struck.

A French peasant who saw the accident said that the plane disintegrated with a violent explosion. One of the engines fell on the peasant's cottage and demolished half of it, but did not injure the occupants, who were in another part of the house. Reuter.

Japs. In H.K. Junks

Japanese crews are being employed on two motor-junks plying between Hong Kong and Swatow, midway between the Colony and Swatow, the "Sunday Herald" learned from waterfront circles yesterday.

The two trading junks, M-276-T and M-280-T, are owned and operated by the Department of Agriculture of the Chinese Government, the local agents of which are the Foo Kung Steamship Company, 61, Connaught Road, West.

The junks each had four Japanese among their crews when they cleared for Swatow on Friday. The junks sail regularly every 10 days between the two ports bringing poultry, vegetables and livestock from Swatow.

Pavements Washed With Fresh Water

The reservoirs of the Colony provide a vivid picture of the acute fresh-water shortage which Hong Kong is at present experiencing. The Urban Council, apparently, does not believe there is a shortage.

Yesterday, a group of Sanitary Department coolies, armed with buckets and brooms, showed up in the Central District and began washing pavements and gutters with hundreds of gallons of water drained from almost-dry reservoirs through roadside, pedestrian hydrants.

During the week, similar waste was indulged in in other parts of the Colony—also by the Sanitary Department.

Yesterday's waste of fresh water took place in Des Voeux Road, Central, and Connaught Road, Central, only a few yards from the edge of the harbour from which salt water could easily have been drawn for the same purpose.

Questioned by the "Sunday Herald," one of the Sanitary Department coolies said: "We always use tap water to clean the pavements and gutters."

ATTLEE CONDEMNS SOME LABOUR MEMBERS AND SOVIET RUSSIA

Plymouth, May 1.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, addressing a May Day demonstration of the British Labour Party here, accused the "active instigators" of the "Nenni telegram"—an election telegram of good wishes sent by some Labour Party members to Pietro Nenni, Italian pro-Communist Socialist leader—of trying to "sabotage the foreign policy of the Government."

"They wanted to see Italy go the way of Rumania and Czechoslovakia," he said.

Commenting on the claim by some who signed the telegram that they did not know that they were acting contrary to party policy, Mr. Attlee said: "I cannot believe that is true of the active instigators. They knew what they were doing."

Mr. Attlee said that it had been obvious for a long time that there were members of the British Labour Party "whose whole attitude seemed to be far more consistent with membership of the Communist Party than with loyal adherence to the Labour Party."

"You will seek in vain for any condemnation of the destruction of democracy in other countries. For them everything that the Communists do is right. This little group has attracted to itself other members who are led away by them. There are always a certain number of people of this kind."

Some of these signed, he said, or had their signatures attached to a letter to the Communist-controlled German Socialist Unity Party, knowing that the Labour Party strongly opposed these fusion parties.

Condemning the Communist creed as "an extremely narrow and perverted variant of the Socialist theory," Mr. Attlee said that it had found its home in the most backward parts of Europe and had "acquired the characteristics of its surroundings."

"Land Of Fear"
It was the "most inadequate creed." "Russia was always in my young days the supreme example of the police state, the land of fear and suppression, the land where free speech, free thought and a free press were banned."

"It is the same today as it was then, only with a different set of rulers. It has yet to overcome several centuries of progress which have left their mark on Western civilization."

"It was also the supreme example of imperialism, stretching out across Asia and ever seeking to extend. It is the same today. It employs new methods but in effect the countries of Eastern Europe have been brought within its imperialist sway."

"Yet there are people who are so bemused by labels that they think that because Soviet Russia calls itself a Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, that it is the vanguard of progress and cannot be imperialistic, while the British Empire is an imperialist, but not let us be deceived with these catch-words."

Emphasising that Labour had tried to work with other countries despite differences of outlook, Mr. Attlee said that "where democracy is threatened we shall do all to support it."

The Communists, he said, although they opposed it, had nothing to offer as an alternative to the Marshall plan. The British Communist Party is "more interested in Russia than in England; in the victory of their own fanatical creed than in the lives of the people." Reuter.

83 Workers Killed

Bologna, Apr. 30. At least 83 workmen were killed today when a bridge under repair collapsed, the news agency Ansa reported.

The accident occurred at Monte Castello, near Forlì. Rescue work was hindered by a violent storm. Associated Press.

American Military Aid

Washington, Apr. 30.

It was learned today that government agencies are preparing proposed legislation to authorize limited shipment of arms to any nation whose freedom is vital to the United States. The proposal will be contained in a plan to provide a military section, which was dropped from the original draft of legislation authorizing the European recovery programme.

The clause would have authorized the President to provide arms to any nation wherever United States interests required it and arms were requested.

A State Department official said that proposed legislation to revive this idea would be submitted to Congressional committees next week.

A Congressional source, usually in close touch with Administration plans, had said earlier that an arms plan would be presented in a special message to the Congress from President Truman. The House denied that the President intended to send any such message. United Press.

COMPENSATION CLAIM

London, May 1.

The British Ambassador in Moscow yesterday handed a letter to the Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Molotov, claiming full compensation from the Soviet Government for the loss of British life and the destruction of a British Viking liner in a clash with a Soviet fighter over Berlin on April 5. It was officially disclosed here today. Reuter.

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The Weather

A complex low pressure system dominates China and Indo-China. A ridge of high pressure extends from a strong anticyclone over the Aleutians SW to the Loobos.

Today's Forecast: Moderate SE winds, unsettled with scattered moderate showers, especially at night. Fair periods in the afternoon.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum 84.8 deg. Fah. Minimum 75.9 deg. Fah. Sunshine 2.5 hours. Rainfall 1.1 mm. 0.04 in. Total rain Jan. 1-21.3 mm. 0.81 in. against an average of 208.8 mm. 8.22 in.

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FIRST ASSEMBLY ENDS "Greatest Achievement Since Nation's Founding"

Nanking, May 1.
Amidst ringing cheers of "Long Live the Chinese Republic," China's first National Assembly under the new constitution came to an end today at 10.45 a.m.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek called the Assembly the "greatest achievement of the Chinese people since the founding of the nation."

The Assembly hall was jammed for the colourful closing ceremony which brought to a successful conclusion the month-long meeting of elected representatives of the people.

The American Ambassador, J. Leighton Stuart, the British Ambassador, Sir Ralph Stevenson, the French Ambassador, M. Messier, were among the distinguished list of foreign guests who witnessed the closing ceremony.

The Generalissimo, wearing military uniform, told the delegates: "The successful conclusion of the first session of the National Assembly today is the greatest achievement of the Chinese nation. It is also a great tribute to all you delegates."

Special Significance
The first session of the Assembly for enforcement of the constitution is of special significance amidst our great burden of civil war and national reconstruction. The entire nation is encouraged by the election of the President and Vice-President. From this point on, the Government is founded on the constitution.

"Y" Group Dinner
The European Y.M.C.A. Debating and Discussion Group held the End-of-Season Dinner at the Y.M.C.A. on Wednesday.

Mr. F. E. Skinner presided at the General Meeting, which followed the dinner. He gave a brief review of the Season's activities and stressed the high standard which had been maintained throughout, expressing the hope that attendance would be even stronger in the future.

Speakers suggested that every encouragement be given to the more youthful members of the group, and that there should be more subjects of local interest during the next season.

It was decided that the committee should meet in early September to decide the opening date and subject for the next season.

The retiring committee was given a hearty vote of thanks on the call of Mr. Ingram, Gen. Sec., who said they had done a difficult job exceedingly well.

Office Banners for the coming season: Chairman Dr. F. H. Rand, Vice-Chairman Lt. Col. Brindley-Creagh, Secretary Mr. Brett, Committee Miss M. J. Stuart, Mr. F. E. Skinner.

Procedure Completed
Yu Yu-jen (President of the day's final meeting), in a brief speech said the constitution was "drawn from the lives and blood of the people." He said the sovereignty of the Chinese Republic belongs to the people of the entire nation.

"Government has completed the procedure of turning political power to the people," Yu said. "On behalf of the people I hereby express our gratitude to the Government."

The meeting opened with the singing of the National Anthem and the traditional three bows to the huge picture of Sun Yat-sen which dominates the Assembly hall.

The President and Vice-President were given their credentials of office at a private ceremony shortly before the meeting. The Secretary General of the National Assembly, Hung Lan-yu, and the former Minister of Interior, Chiu Chung-yueh, presented the credentials to the Generalissimo and Archbishop Paul Yu-pin and the Secretary General of the Assembly, presented the credentials to General Li Tsung-jen—United Press.

Gap Rock Light
Negotiations are in progress between the Hong Kong and Chinese Governments for re-establishment of the navigational light on Gap Rock, 35 miles west of Hong Kong.

Although in Chinese waters, Gap Rock was formerly operated by the Hong Kong Government's Harbour Office, (now called the Marine Department) until the Pacific War broke out.

One of the last men to leave Gap Rock on Dec. 6, 1941, was Mr. Sydney Ramsey who was taken off by a British destroyer and brought to Hong Kong.

The lighthouse was frequently visited by the Japanese Navy after the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese hostilities in 1937.

AMAH REBUKED
"Here you are with employment and knowing fully well it was your master's property. Everything must have been planned beforehand," Mr. F. X. d'Almeida rebuked a 22-year-old amah who appeared in the dock at Central Magistrate charged with larceny by finding.

Hung Yung-wing, No. 44, Connaught Road, Central, was sentenced to six months' hard labour and recommended for banishment.

Inspector Hill told the Court that Chan Wal-chit, master of defendant, reported that he had lost a pocket watch, valued at \$400. Police inquiry revealed that the servant had the watch. Hung pleaded guilty.

The popularity which General Li Tsung-jen holds among the local Chinese community was demonstrated yesterday when hundreds of telegrams were sent to him by representative bodies congratulating him on his election to the Vice-Presidency of China.

Traffic Breaches
Appearing on three charges of traffic regulation infringements at Central Magistrate before Mr. F. K. d'Almeida yesterday was a 30-year-old licensed driver. Leung was remanded a week on bail of \$750. Mr. C. A. Russ was defence counsel, while Mr. G. D. Binstead, Traffic Superintendent, prosecuted.

The driver of Public Car 4478 was charged with leaving his vehicle on April 19 on the road causing obstruction at Des Voeux Road, Central, near the Gloucester Hotel, at 9 a.m., with loitering in a way as to cause obstruction, and failing when disengaged vehicles to proceed to a parking area approved by the Commissioner of Police.

To enable local Chinese to celebrate the inauguration of the President of the Republic of China, Wednesday, May 6, he observed as a general holiday.

Sentence Reduction Refused
An application for reduction of the sentence of six months' hard labour plus a fine of \$500 or three months, passed on Li Wing by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr on April 14, made to Mr. Blair-Kerr by Mr. C. A. Sytherton, was refused at Kowloon yesterday.

Li Wing was charged with two offences with being a member of an unlawful society, the Chuen Chui Chai, and pleaded guilty to the charge. He admitted to being the chairman of the society and to having sworn in, with trial ritual, between 70 and 80 new members since the re-occupation.

Mr. Russ originally applied for a review of the case on the ground that defendant pleaded guilty in error. He was under the impression that an unregistered society is an unlawful society.

Det. Sub-Inspector C. Pope, of Kowloon C.I.D. Headquarters, told the Court yesterday that the society is commonly known as a triad society. It is not registered with the S.C.A. and registration will never be granted. Defendant admitted to being the chairman and to having induced, with trial ritual, between 70 and 80 new members himself.

Money Market
Gold continued uncertain yesterday, and dropped to \$328.50 a last shortly after the market opened at \$332.00. It recovered to \$333.50 but eased off again to \$332.26 at the close.

Plasters were weaker. Opening at \$11.22½, a 100 rate dropped to \$11.20 at the close.

Chinese National Currency opened at 7.25 cents for futures and 7.85 cents for spot (for CN \$10,000), and remained unchanged throughout the day.

Ticals eased off slightly to \$25.50.

NEL Guilders were quoted nominal at \$40.70 a 100.

U.S. dollars eased off to \$5.58½ for notes.

Sterling appreciated further to \$13.40, and Australian pounds were unchanged at \$12.65.

Judgment Reserved in Corporation Claim
Judgment was reserved yesterday by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice), in the case in which the Statutory Corporation of Prince's Building are claiming for the return of \$49,768.32 from the Hing Cheung Hong of 88 Des Voeux Road West.

Mr. B. A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. J. C. Stewart of Messrs. Tso & Hodgson, is appearing for the Statutory Corporation plaintiffs.

The Hing Cheung Hong, defendants, are represented by Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. A.S.K. Lau of Messrs. A.S.K. Lau & Company.

The plaintiffs allege that they paid to the defendants the sums of \$10,000, \$10,000, and \$10,000 under three contracts dated Dec. 18, 1940, Dec. 21, 1940 and Jan. 30, 1947 respectively. All three contracts related to the purchase and sale of Sulphur Black.

In their defence, defendants allege that part of the amount claimed by the plaintiffs had been refunded to them through one Wong Man-kat, who had held himself out to be a cashier and partner in the plaintiff firm. Defendants also allege that a certain sum was paid by them to another firm at the request of plaintiffs for their account.

The case is set for trial on May 6, 1948, at 10 a.m. at the Court of Session, when the closing address by defence counsel and the reply, will be made.

Rice Retail Rules Emphasised In Court
Shops licensed by Government to sell Government-rationed rice are not permitted to sell any other kind of rice, nor to sell rice to unregistered persons, said Mr. J. R. Gomes, Kowloon representative of the Rice Section of the S.T. & L., before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

Mr. Gomes was testifying in the case in which Wu Hon-lau (44), master of an approved ration rice shop at 12 Pak Tai Street, was charged with selling rationed rice to an unregistered person on April 14.

After evidence had been given by the purchaser, Chau Yu-ling (38), of a rice shop at 24 Dulkeley Street, his master (Chau Ka-shun), a tri-cyclo coolie (Chau Ng-shun), and Mr. Gomes, accused, was convicted and fined \$1,000 for the offence of selling the three bags of rice seized by the Police was granted.

Chau Yu-ling was fined \$500 (or three months' hard labour) for offering a bribe of \$5 to PC 1677 at Maitland Road on that date, and Chan Ng-shun, the tri-cyclo coolie, was fined \$45 for carrying an excessive load and for non-possession of a licence.

The whole case arose out of the tri-cyclo coolie being stopped by the "rent" patrol on the night of April 14, for carrying an excessive load. He had three sacks of rice and Chau Yu-ling on his vehicle. While being brought to the Hung Hom Police Station, Chau asked the coolie for some money which was later handed over to the constable.

Asked For Chance
Chau told the constable that he bought the rice from the Shing Kee shop, a Government depot, and asked to be given a chance. He had a previous conviction for the transportation of rice without a permit, and SI Howarth.

"In his evidence against the first accused (Wu), Chau stated that he went to the Shing Kee on the night of April 13 and came to an agreement with Wu to take three bags of rice, at 54 cents per catty, on the following day. No mention whatever of ration cards was made by either himself or Wu.

Chau Ka-shun, master of the shop at Dulkeley Street, admitted in evidence that he had been dealing in Government ration rice for the past 18 months and to having sold between 60 and 70 catties daily, at prices ranging from 75 cents to 55 cents.

Chau was represented by Mr. C. A. Sytherton. Russ denied that he had ever sold any Government ration rice to any unregistered persons. He also denied knowing the second and third accused, and in reply to SI Howarth, attributed their evidence to hatred of Government rice depots.

Wholesale Fish Prices
Average wholesale prices for fish during the past week were:

Kind of fish	Average wholesale price per catty
Yellow croaker	1.25
Croaker	.30
Golden thread	.61
Grouper	.97
Red Snapper	.51
Red sea bream	.45
Red sea bream	.44
Hair tail	.61
Lizard fish	.39
Conger Pike	.68
Ascherles	.14
Round berlin	.47
Shrimp	2.24
Macau sole	.30
Sea bream	.36
White pomfret	1.61
Mackerel	.48
Green pilchard	.41

Loiterers Sentenced
Three women, arrested by Inspector T. Collins at Chatham Road near Austin Avenue at 9.20 p.m. on April 30, and found to have had previous convictions for a similar offence, were recommended to be banished when they appeared before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

Wong Ying (30), said Inspector J. Orem, was banished on Feb. 2 after her third conviction for causing an obstruction by loitering. She was sentenced to six months' hard labour and recommended to be banished.

Yip Ying (33) and Chan Ying (36), with two previous convictions, were sentenced to a month's hard labour and recommended to be banished.

Arrested at Nathan Road at 1.10 p.m. on the same night, Fan So (30) of 16 Hillwood Road, second floor, was fined \$50 for loitering.

B.E.M. WINNER REMANDED
Sub-Inspector Richard Mallin, who was awarded the British Empire Medal last December by the Governor for gallantry during a house collapse, appeared before Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam at Central Magistrate yesterday charged with stealing an opium pipe and possessing raw opium.

The defendant, who will be represented by Mr. Alfred Ho, was formally remanded a week and given bail of \$500 cash and \$2,000 surety.

The date of hearing was provisionally fixed for May 12 at 2.30 p.m.

CHARITY BALL PRIZES
The Netherlands Hospital Charity Ball Committee wishes to thank all those who helped to make the Ball last Thursday such a success.

The holders of the following tickets did not collect their prizes, and are asked kindly to do so as soon as possible at the Netherlands Hospital, Bonham Road.

Ticket No. 1880, 2091, 4353, 3021, 1695, 1653.

TRESPASSER JAILED
With three previous convictions against her, a 32-year-old widow appeared before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central Magistrate yesterday, charged with trespassing in protected area.

Wong Wai-chun was sentenced to one month, and recommended for banishment for trespassing in the Victory Barracks area yesterday morning. She was found inside the barracks at 1.20 a.m.

Reminders
Today
Summer Time begins. Clocks to be put forward one hour.
Classical Concert, The H. Club, Talbot House, 80, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
Talk on "The H" at European Y.M.C.A. 8.30 p.m.
International Amateur Boxing Tournament, Chinese Y.M.C.A., Bridge Street, 8 p.m.
Schoolboys' Soccer League Final and presentation of trophies.
Tomorrow
Portuguese Catholic Association meeting, at Rectory of St. Margaret's Church, Happy Valley, 8 p.m.
TUESDAY
Lionel Chien Management Committee meeting, Jardine's Board Room.
Rotary Club luncheon, talk on "Talking for Living," by Col. E. D. Yip, at the Garden, 12.30 p.m.

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Gap Rock Light
Negotiations are in progress between the Hong Kong and Chinese Governments for re-establishment of the navigational light on Gap Rock, 35 miles west of Hong Kong.

Although in Chinese waters, Gap Rock was formerly operated by the Hong Kong Government's Harbour Office, (now called the Marine Department) until the Pacific War broke out.

One of the last men to leave Gap Rock on Dec. 6, 1941, was Mr. Sydney Ramsey who was taken off by a British destroyer and brought to Hong Kong.

The lighthouse was frequently visited by the Japanese Navy after the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese hostilities in 1937.

AMAH REBUKED
"Here you are with employment and knowing fully well it was your master's property. Everything must have been planned beforehand," Mr. F. X. d'Almeida rebuked a 22-year-old amah who appeared in the dock at Central Magistrate charged with larceny by finding.

Hung Yung-wing, No. 44, Connaught Road, Central, was sentenced to six months' hard labour and recommended for banishment.

Inspector Hill told the Court that Chan Wal-chit, master of defendant, reported that he had lost a pocket watch, valued at \$400. Police inquiry revealed that the servant had the watch. Hung pleaded guilty.

The popularity which General Li Tsung-jen holds among the local Chinese community was demonstrated yesterday when hundreds of telegrams were sent to him by representative bodies congratulating him on his election to the Vice-Presidency of China.

Traffic Breaches
Appearing on three charges of traffic regulation infringements at Central Magistrate before Mr. F. K. d'Almeida yesterday was a 30-year-old licensed driver. Leung was remanded a week on bail of \$750. Mr. C. A. Russ was defence counsel, while Mr. G. D. Binstead, Traffic Superintendent, prosecuted.

The driver of Public Car 4478 was charged with leaving his vehicle on April 19 on the road causing obstruction at Des Voeux Road, Central, near the Gloucester Hotel, at 9 a.m., with loitering in a way as to cause obstruction, and failing when disengaged vehicles to proceed to a parking area approved by the Commissioner of Police.

To enable local Chinese to celebrate the inauguration of the President of the Republic of China, Wednesday, May 6, he observed as a general holiday.

Sentence Reduction Refused
An application for reduction of the sentence of six months' hard labour plus a fine of \$500 or three months, passed on Li Wing by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr on April 14, made to Mr. Blair-Kerr by Mr. C. A. Sytherton, was refused at Kowloon yesterday.

Li Wing was charged with two offences with being a member of an unlawful society, the Chuen Chui Chai, and pleaded guilty to the charge. He admitted to being the chairman of the society and to having sworn in, with trial ritual, between 70 and 80 new members since the re-occupation.

Mr. Russ originally applied for a review of the case on the ground that defendant pleaded guilty in error. He was under the impression that an unregistered society is an unlawful society.

Det. Sub-Inspector C. Pope, of Kowloon C.I.D. Headquarters, told the Court yesterday that the society is commonly known as a triad society. It is not registered with the S.C.A. and registration will never be granted. Defendant admitted to being the chairman and to having induced, with trial ritual, between 70 and 80 new members himself.

Money Market
Gold continued uncertain yesterday, and dropped to \$328.50 a last shortly after the market opened at \$332.00. It recovered to \$333.50 but eased off again to \$332.26 at the close.

Plasters were weaker. Opening at \$11.22½, a 100 rate dropped to \$11.20 at the close.

Chinese National Currency opened at 7.25 cents for futures and 7.85 cents for spot (for CN \$10,000), and remained unchanged throughout the day.

Ticals eased off slightly to \$25.50.

NEL Guilders were quoted nominal at \$40.70 a 100.

U.S. dollars eased off to \$5.58½ for notes.

Sterling appreciated further to \$13.40, and Australian pounds were unchanged at \$12.65.

Judgment Reserved in Corporation Claim
Judgment was reserved yesterday by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice), in the case in which the Statutory Corporation of Prince's Building are claiming for the return of \$49,768.32 from the Hing Cheung Hong of 88 Des Voeux Road West.

Mr. B. A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. J. C. Stewart of Messrs. Tso & Hodgson, is appearing for the Statutory Corporation plaintiffs.

The Hing Cheung Hong, defendants, are represented by Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. A.S.K. Lau of Messrs. A.S.K. Lau & Company.

The plaintiffs allege that they paid to the defendants the sums of \$10,000, \$10,000, and \$10,000 under three contracts dated Dec. 18, 1940, Dec. 21, 1940 and Jan. 30, 1947 respectively. All three contracts related to the purchase and sale of Sulphur Black.

In their defence, defendants allege that part of the amount claimed by the plaintiffs had been refunded to them through one Wong Man-kat, who had held himself out to be a cashier and partner in the plaintiff firm. Defendants also allege that a certain sum was paid by them to another firm at the request of plaintiffs for their account.

The case is set for trial on May 6, 1948, at 10 a.m. at the Court of Session, when the closing address by defence counsel and the reply, will be made.

Rice Retail Rules Emphasised In Court
Shops licensed by Government to sell Government-rationed rice are not permitted to sell any other kind of rice, nor to sell rice to unregistered persons, said Mr. J. R. Gomes, Kowloon representative of the Rice Section of the S.T. & L., before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

Mr. Gomes was testifying in the case in which Wu Hon-lau (44), master of an approved ration rice shop at 12 Pak Tai Street, was charged with selling rationed rice to an unregistered person on April 14.

After evidence had been given by the purchaser, Chau Yu-ling (38), of a rice shop at 24 Dulkeley Street, his master (Chau Ka-shun), a tri-cyclo coolie (Chau Ng-shun), and Mr. Gomes, accused, was convicted and fined \$1,000 for the offence of selling the three bags of rice seized by the Police was granted.

Chau Yu-ling was fined \$500 (or three months' hard labour) for offering a bribe of \$5 to PC 1677 at Maitland Road on that date, and Chan Ng-shun, the tri-cyclo coolie, was fined \$45 for carrying an excessive load and for non-possession of a licence.

The whole case arose out of the tri-cyclo coolie being stopped by the "rent" patrol on the night of April 14, for carrying an excessive load. He had three sacks of rice and Chau Yu-ling on his vehicle. While being brought to the Hung Hom Police Station, Chau asked the coolie for some money which was later handed over to the constable.

Asked For Chance
Chau told the constable that he bought the rice from the Shing Kee shop, a Government depot, and asked to be given a chance. He had a previous conviction for the transportation of rice without a permit, and SI Howarth.

"In his evidence against the first accused (Wu), Chau stated that he went to the Shing Kee on the night of April 13 and came to an agreement with Wu to take three bags of rice, at 54 cents per catty, on the following day. No mention whatever of ration cards was made by either himself or Wu.

Chau Ka-shun, master of the shop at Dulkeley Street, admitted in evidence that he had been dealing in Government ration rice for the past 18 months and to having sold between 60 and 70 catties daily, at prices ranging from 75 cents to 55 cents.

Chau was represented by Mr. C. A. Sytherton. Russ denied that he had ever sold any Government ration rice to any unregistered persons. He also denied knowing the second and third accused, and in reply to SI Howarth, attributed their evidence to hatred of Government rice depots.

Wholesale Fish Prices
Average wholesale prices for fish during the past week were:

Kind of fish	Average wholesale price per catty
Yellow croaker	1.25
Croaker	.30
Golden thread	.61
Grouper	.97
Red Snapper	.51
Red sea bream	.45
Red sea bream	.44
Hair tail	.61
Lizard fish	.39
Conger Pike	.68
Ascherles	.14
Round berlin	.47
Shrimp	2.24
Macau sole	.30
Sea bream	.36
White pomfret	1.61
Mackerel	.48
Green pilchard	.41

Loiterers Sentenced
Three women, arrested by Inspector T. Collins at Chatham Road near Austin Avenue at 9.20 p.m. on April 30, and found to have had previous convictions for a similar offence, were recommended to be banished when they appeared before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

Wong Ying (30), said Inspector J. Orem, was banished on Feb. 2 after her third conviction for causing an obstruction by loitering. She was sentenced to six months' hard labour and recommended to be banished.

Yip Ying (33) and Chan Ying (36), with two previous convictions, were sentenced to a month's hard labour and recommended to be banished.

Arrested at Nathan Road at 1.10 p.m. on the same night, Fan So (30) of 16 Hillwood Road, second floor,

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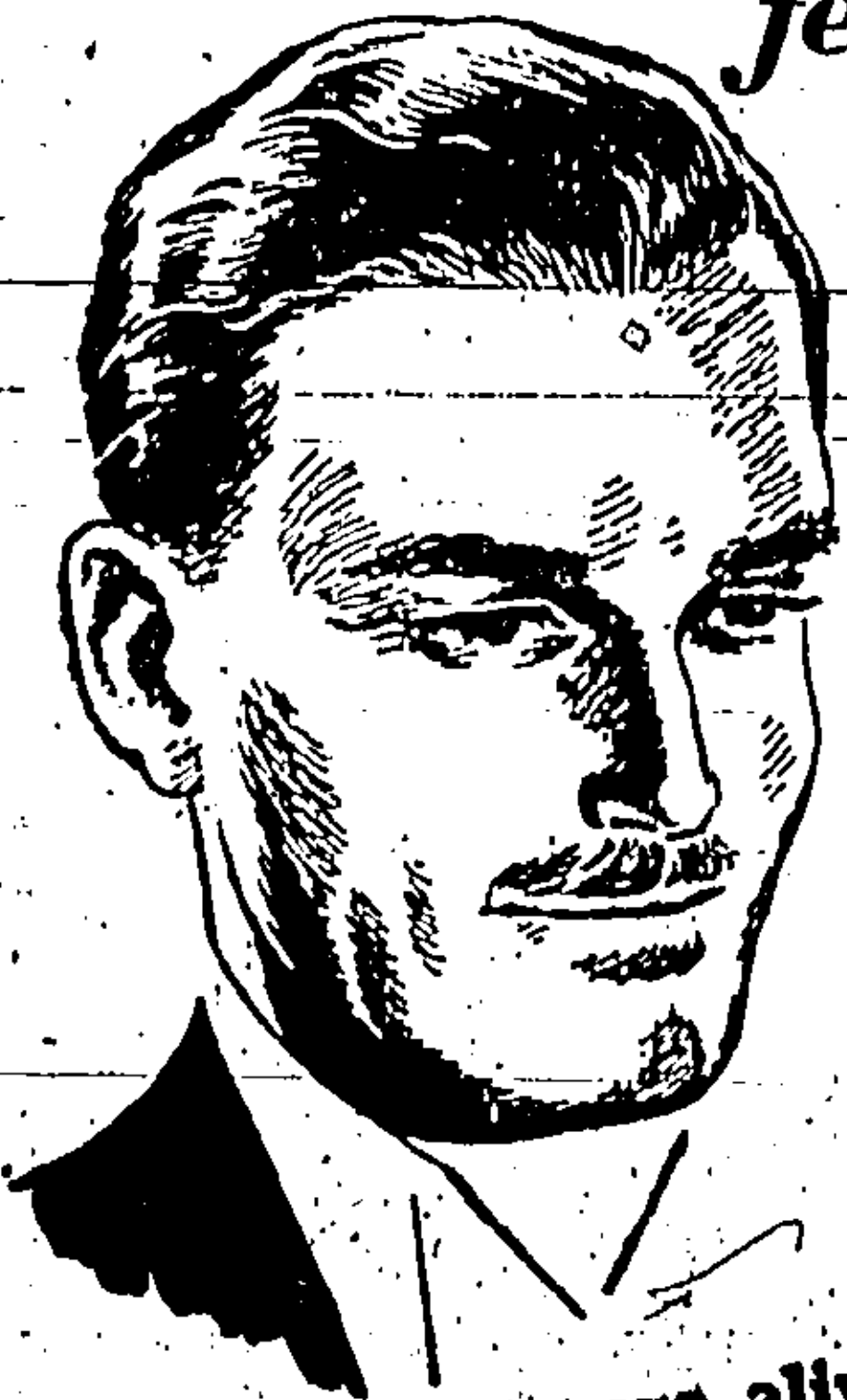
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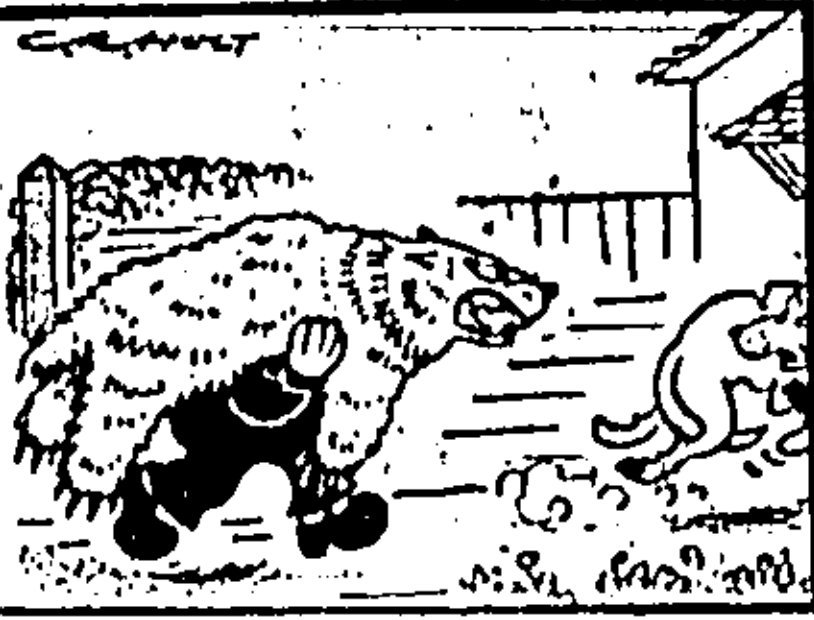
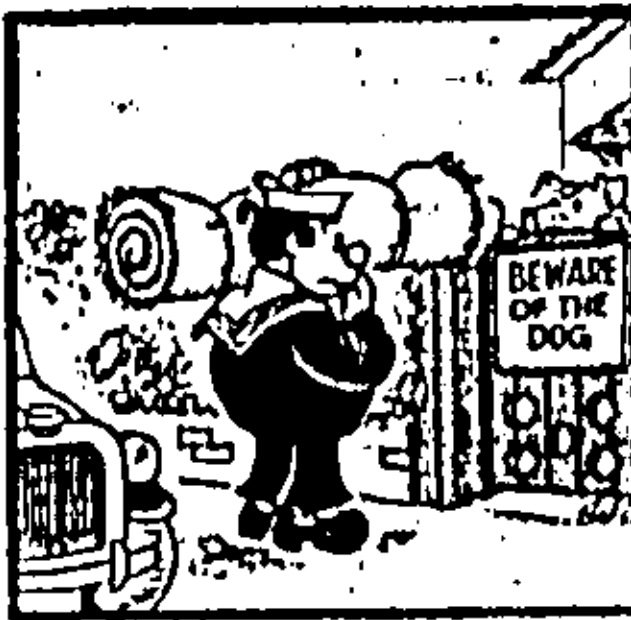
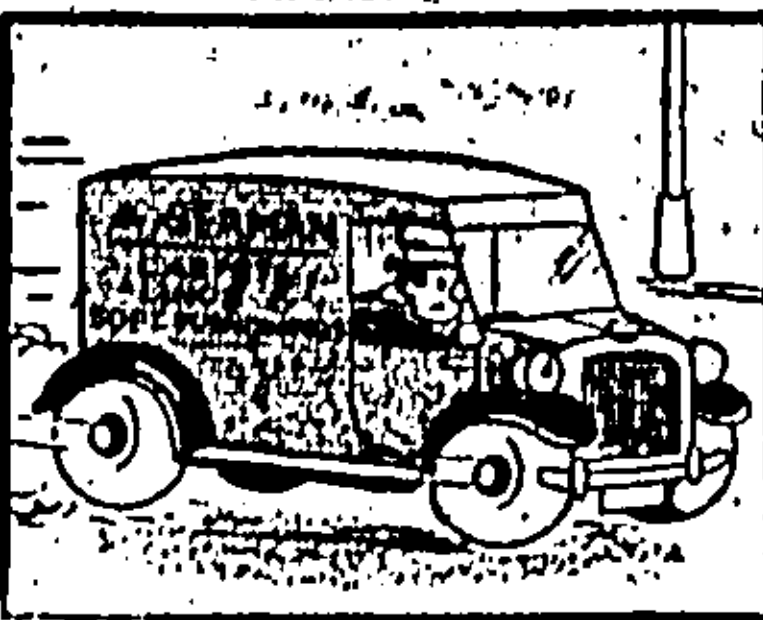
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ABOUT THIS AND THAT

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By ARTHUR GEE

By the time these lines appear in print, your humble servant should be settling down in Canada — or, at least, have spent a couple of days there. That makes it a difficult page to write, as obviously it had to be written earlier in the week and yet "tomorrow" will be "several days ago" by the time you see it. There's just one comforting thought about it all — if I hadn't ventured on an advance's corns, I shall be out of range on the other side of the Pacific before they can do anything about it.

It's not until you actually do it yourself that you realise what an amazing business this travelling by air is. I shall be sending the "Sunday Herald" a report on my trip in a day or so, but can get an idea of how quickly places and climates change when I point out that I had my "lunch" in Hong Kong on Wednesday, and all being well, lunch or tea in Vancouver on Friday.

Apart from that report on the trip, therefore, "About This and That" makes its farewell appearance this Sunday — at least, so far as I am concerned. It's not easy to say goodbye. There is a tendency to be sentimental, with a consequent attempt to cover up one's embarrassment by levity of a somewhat flippant variety. There is always so much one would like to say, so little that one actually can put into words.

Mark you, it's been fun writing this page. Every now and then, there's been the odd, generous bouquet which (to borrow an idea from Anatole France) has been a spring to ease one's progress along the bumpy road of life. Brickbats, for some reason, have been few and even then have been very kindly cushioned with a fair wad of the cotton-wool of politeness. (Ouch! I told you it wasn't easy to find felicitous phrases!) This is the second time I have written a page on these lines in the "Sunday Herald", and, by a coincidence, both came to a somewhat abrupt end. The first time, the cause was the arrival of calling-up papers and my full-time mobilisation with the Navy. This time, it's because I'm leaving Hong Kong for good, to start anew elsewhere for personal reasons.

I don't propose to go into those "personal reasons" in any detail. Basically, they boil down to two — inability to find anywhere to live, and the high cost of living in Hong Kong. The Gee family has been here for some two years, and the best it has been able to do is to live in a flat for three months while the owner was away at home; the rest of the time, it has been a matter

of just one hotel room. The cheapest cost \$480 a month, the most expensive \$720, both without board. That isn't over-high by current Hong Kong standards, but compares most unfavourably with the four-roomed, furnished flat in Clifton, Bristol, that was ours during the latter part of 1944 and early 1945. They had a housing shortage there, too, or hadn't you heard of the Blitz? Nonetheless, it only cost us \$120 a month.

As for the high cost of living here, I hardly need quote any figures, need I? I know we have a sort of price-control system in force in the Colony but, as I pointed out last week in connection with housing schemes, the Government has a somewhat exalted idea of what constitutes a reasonable profit. Oh, I know that company secretaries can probably quote masses of figures to show that they couldn't charge less for their products without registering a loss. To that, I reply, "Fooyd!" Figures can lie, as any brasseur manufacturer knows. Any company which makes an annual net profit of several million bucks and most of them have — is anything like you and me as much as it can.

Apocryphal controlled prices, take nylon stockings, for instance. Controlled price, \$14. Price in the United States, about US\$1.50 retail. Thanks to a glut on the market, largely caused by Chinese Customs restrictions, you can buy them in most shops for around \$8 — and the sellers are still making a substantial profit.

Most of us are fairly conservative by nature. We grumble and grouse, but we don't do much about things. I've been a sucker, too, for the past two years, but the opportunity of doing something about it has now not only knocked on the door but barged right in and grabbed me by the scruff of the neck.

Will the position be any better in Canada? I know it will, even though folk have warned me about housing shortages, the high cost of living, and so on. Well, that's very true, and I guess it applies to almost anywhere in the world these bitter, post-war days. At the same time, I do feel that in a place like Canada or England it is easier to cut one's coat according to the amount of tweed one has available, which is not, the case here. As for the acute housing shortage, that, too, is true, though they have a way of getting things done over there. Matter of fact, just before I left, I received a

wire telling me that we had a wee, furnished bungalow at 3484 Kingsway, Vancouver, BC.

Talking about leaving reminds me that there is something peculiarly fitting in my crossing the Pacific by Philippine Air Lines. Those of you who have been here for some months will have read from time to time on this page of how the 2nd MTB Flotilla, after doing its best during the Japanese blitz-attack on this Colony in 1941, escaped to Free China, together with certain V.I.P.s, including David Macdougall and Admiral Chan Chak. I was a very junior officer with the Flotilla and once we had gotten ourselves and party to the beach in Miao Bay off Nomon, our job was more or less over.

For the trek inland to Walchow, some five days' gruelling hike over hills, the organisation of the shore party developed on two people. One of these was Admiral Chan Chak, who contacted the guerrillas and got the escort, necessary food supplies, etc. laid on. So far as we were concerned, we kept under the direct orders of a stocky, tough Canadian by the name of Mike Kendall. He left us at Walchow as he had "other work" to do. I bumped into him some months later in Kwailin, where he lost track of him until only a few weeks ago.

Mike is now Far Eastern manager of Philippine Air Lines, so it made it almost inevitable that as he left Hong Kong in one of our MTBs I should now leave it in one of his company's "Skyminsters". More of this later. As I say, I shall be reporting on the trip for you very shortly. Heaven alone knows when the said manuscript will reach Hong Kong, for although one can now get air-mail, it was disconcerted by the rate of delivery to Broadcasting House. Then he had an idea. He trapped a mouse, kept the corpse for the proper length of time, then made a parcel of it and posted it to himself c/o the BBC. He received his mouse back, plus a quantity of accumulated mail, by return of post.

Must see if I can't do something about this. Which reminds me that according to the latest BBC Year Book one leading Home announcer with a very substantial fan-mail was dissatisfied with the rate of delivery to Broadcasting House. Then he had an idea. He trapped a mouse, kept the corpse for the proper length of time, then made a parcel of it and posted it to himself c/o the BBC. He received his mouse back, plus a quantity of accumulated mail, by return of post.

There's — another — partial coincidence I'd like to mention. I first saw this Colony when I flew

in by Stork Express to Shumchun in 1914 and again when I spent a few pleasant weeks more or less on holiday in the latter part of 1937. When I arrived here to take up my "permanent abode" in mid-1938, I walked straight off the ship, into the European YMCA. I burst into print the following Sunday with a long article on the shortcomings and deficiencies of that institution as compared with the huge, modern structure in Shanghai.

Had I known what Hong Kong was going to be like eight years later, and what good work the "Y" would then do, I'd have kept my big mouth tightly shut. When the missus sailed in mid-March, I moved into the "Y", and I must say I don't think the bachelor or grass-widower could do better in Hong Kong today. The furnishings may not be luxurious, but they are more than adequate. The food is first-class, and I just don't see how they manage it at the price. For a two-buck lunch you get soup, choice of two main dishes, choice of two sweets, coffee or tea, and of course bread and butter on the side. Dinner's another fifty cents, with a fish course added.

The food doesn't have the frills on it that some of our chrome-plated restaurants do, but it's well cooked and, what's more, even more varied than if one went right through a café menu from top to bottom in the process of an extended series of eating-out. Rent is reasonable, too. As I say, I took a crack at the "Y" when I arrived here; I'd like to bestow a deserved nurel on the brows of all responsible now that I am leaving.

Well, that seems to be that. This column is a bit shorter than usual this week and not very interesting, I'm afraid. Sorry about that, but for one thing, never realised before how many last-minute things will always crop up and how difficult it is to fit everything into a short day of only 24 hours. There were a lot of things I'd like to have written about — that stupid business over the flower vendors in Nathan Road, for instance — but it's like the farewell visits. I should have made time for many folks; I wanted to, but couldn't.

Normally, I have little difficulty getting this page out, but believe it or not (cliche by courtesy of Mr. Ripley, now around in Hong Kong), I have made no less than eight attempts to get this final edition out, only to consign seven of them to the overflowing w.p.b. But time's up and we're going to Press, so this one will have to do. So long, then, and if you ever get to Vancouver, BC, look us up. The address is, 3484 Kingsway, Vancouver, BC.

TRIESTE ZONE SEALED

Trieste Free Territory. Apr. 30. The Allied Military Government virtually sealed off the British-American zone of the Free-Territory today as a precaution against Communist threats of an uprising during May Day celebrations.

Now and tighter border controls were set up to keep possible Communist invaders out of the zone.

Effective at 9 a.m. all highway blockposts except one into Italy and one into Czechoslovakia will be closed. No one will be permitted to disembark from ships until further notice, the military government said.

A Communist uprising was threatened as a protest against the military government's refusal to permit Communists to stage a May Day demonstration in Trieste's main square. Civilian police last night broke up a would-be Communist protest meeting by using pistols, clubs and fire hoses. It was expected the frontier restrictions would remain effective until Monday. Associated Press.

2,216 PASSENGERS

New York, Apr. 29. The Queen Elizabeth sailed today with 2,216 passengers, the largest complement since last November, to open what Cunard officials said would be a "very busy season."

Sir John Boyd Orr, retiring as Director of the Food and Agricultural Organisation after dealing with world food problems, carried two small cartons containing fruit juice, pineapple, boned turkey and devilled ham and bacon. He said that the items are for his friends. Associated Press.

A Vignette Of The Italian Elections Everything Melts In The Sun

A light shines late tonight in the villa in the Via Dante with the pink-washed walls where the wistaria grows. It shines hard down on the wall sign of the Hammer and Sickle, and silhouetted against the curtains in the villa are five shadows bent low over a table. They are five workers of the Communist Party in this lakeside village of 1,400 people.

Not more than a stone's throw away over the lamp-lit cobbled streets, their leader, the dark-haired, half-dent, grinning Signor Marchione, works differently. He's "on the rounds" in the howling alley of the Trattoria-Giardini, where night after night the working men of Cannero gather to play their bowls, to sip their chianti, and later talk of politics and life.

Most nights Signor Marchione is a lone figure in this warm and friendly place of men. "Here comes Il Rossi [The Red One]," they say as the Communist leader slopes through the entrance and under the grape-vine arch with his pockets filled with newspapers from Milan.

Signor Marchione starts an argument in the corner. He's arguing with the white-haired, ever-patient Rinaldo who is objecting to a Communist poster stuck on the walls of his inn while he wasn't looking.

Rinaldo's Way

He says there's no place for politics in his inn; that the "Red One" had better pull down the poster. Marchione says Communism stands for freedom, that

in a free world you can stick posters where you like. "Stop all this fool talk and let us get on with the game," cries an apple-cheeked old man who has just come from the fields to play bowls. Usually the village cares little for politics. All it cares for

By GRAHAM STANFORD

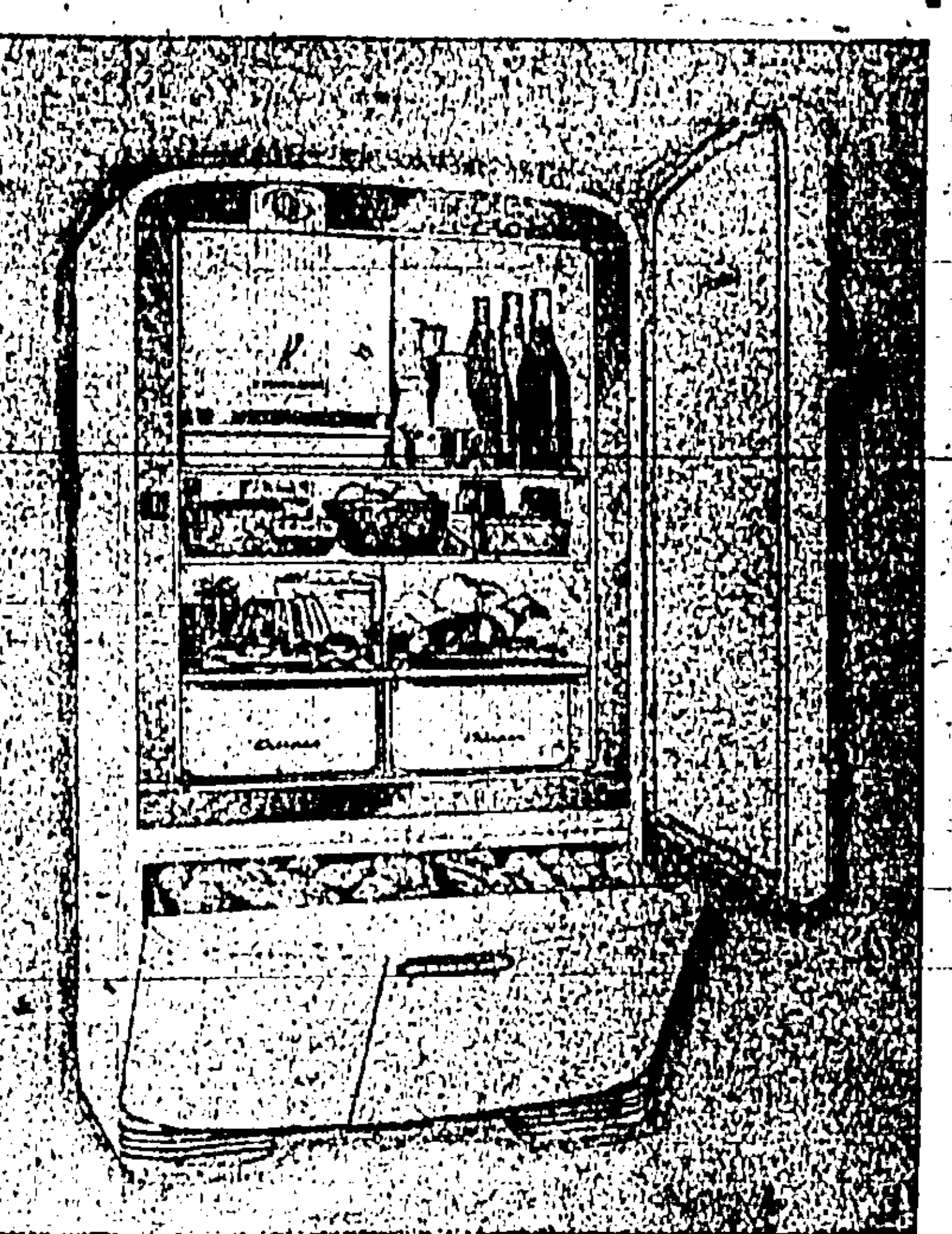
are the crops and how the grapes will be, and whether the fruit are rising in the mountain streams; and how the visitors from England and elsewhere are enjoying themselves at the hotel along the waterfront.

But now it is all different. Even here in the loveliest of springs everyone seems to know that the Italy and everyone else's world is at the crossroads. And maybe that is why most games of bowls seem to end in political argument, so that the tired and ever-so-wise Rinaldo says quietly to me: "I will be very happy when it is all over and we can rest. They talk and drink wine late into the night and I must listen."

Sister's Way

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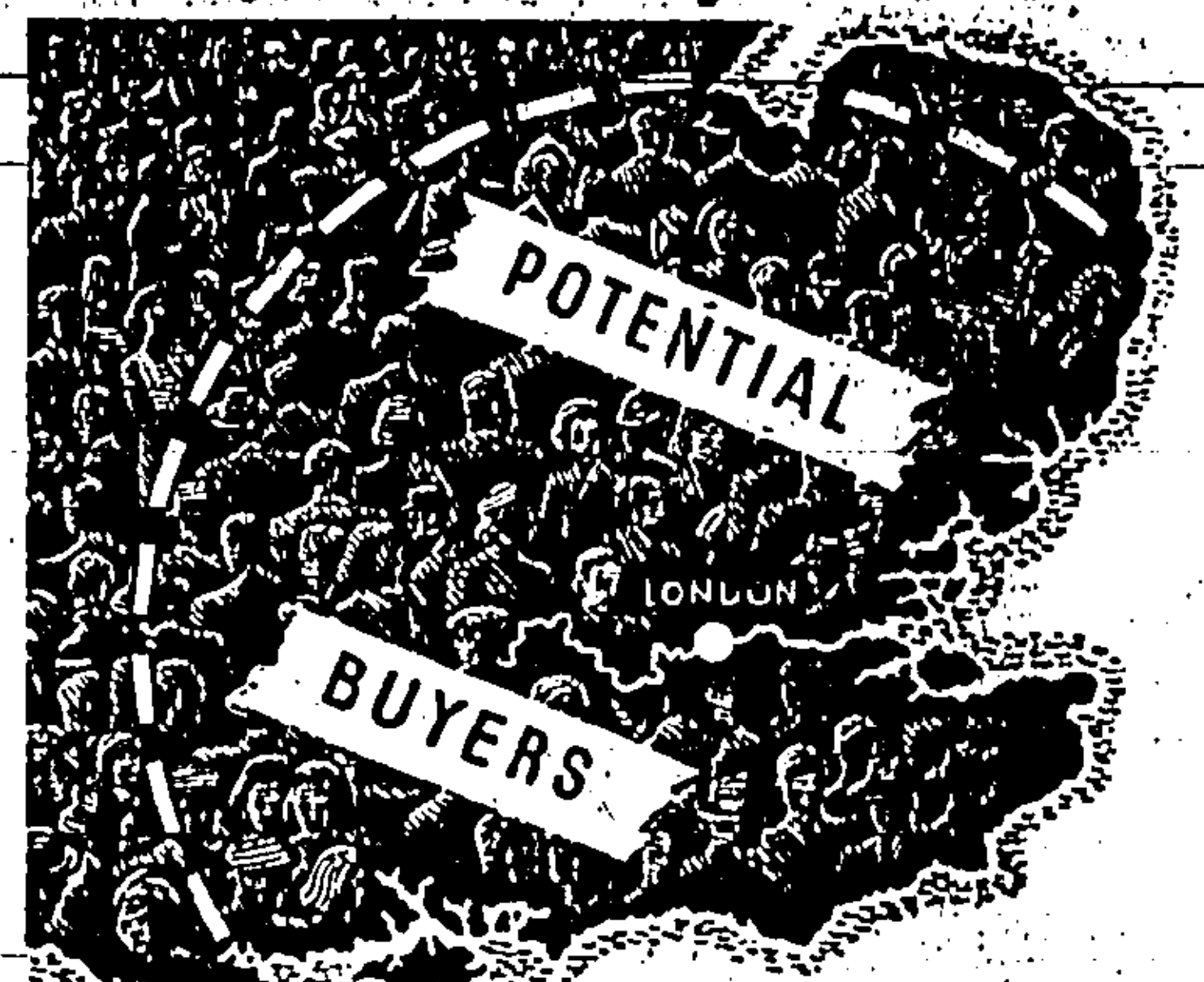
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'DOWN TOOLS' IN HANOVER "No Eat No Work" Walkout By Workers

More Food Demand In Factories

Hanover, Apr. 30.
Thousands of vitally-needed metal and automobile workers in this industrial city in the British Zone throw the switch on a "no eat no work" strike today and walked out.
Twenty thousand labourers who make automobiles or their component parts for a large part of Western Germany voted to wait no longer for help from the Military Government in their demand for more food. They laid down their tools and quit for the weekend, at least.

The Work Council meets again on Monday to hear reports from its own leaders, German food experts and Military Government authorities on the food outlook for the coming month.

The "strike" will last at least until then, since tomorrow and Sunday are holidays. The move to quit work started two days ago in the Hanover works when 3,000 employees voted not to wait for today's Council meeting but walked off on their own "hook" for a 24-hour boycott. Others biding their time to go with them pulled a strike today.

The demand for food is two-pronged. "Originally the workers asked for more bread to make up an alleged deficiency between their districts and others in the Zone. This week a second barb was added when the Military Government announced a 75 per cent cut in the meat ration for all but miners in the Ruhr. All food experts hope to make this up with other staples, but the drop from 400 to 100 grams of meat monthly has meanwhile riled workers into action.

No incidents
So far the strike has been peaceful and without incident. It has not yet spread throughout the city generally but has been confined to metal and automotive workers.

However, trade union leaders fear that if the Military Government here or in Frankfurt cannot find a satisfactory solution to the food programme, the strike may reach into the heavily-centralized chemical industry here. Such a development probably would bring more than half the city's work force out.

British Bizonal authorities said today in Frankfurt that they had received no report from the Regional Commissioner here which required special action. In any event, they explained, the proposal for reversal of the Allied Commanders' decision to maintain the "basic ration" throughout the Zone must be submitted to them in Berlin for action. —United Press.

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A World of Difference?

Cedar-rapids, Iowa, Apr. 29.
Henry Wallace declared today that there is a world of difference between the dictatorship of Hitler and that in the Soviet Union.
The Third Party presidential candidate said: "The situation of today bears absolutely no resemblance to eight or 10 years ago, and any attempt to make it so is willful distortion of facts."
He said firstly, there was no master race idea in the Soviet Union, and secondly the Soviet Government has as its goal the building of a better and happier country for its people. —United Press.

ALWAYS HAD THE BEST

London, Apr. 30.
Tenor Richard Tauber, whose recording of "You Are My Heart's Delight" earned him more than £100,000, left £2,372 when he died last January.

Tauber regularly earned from £600 to £900 per week but he had a permanent suite at a Mayfair hotel and, often tipped with £5 notes.

"He never counted his money," a friend said. "Although he never drank and smoked but little, he always had the best wines and choicest cigars for friends." —Associated Press.

WORLD'S WELFARE

London, April 29.
The Labour Party, Trades Union Congress and Co-operative Union projected today in a joint May Day message that British Labour seeks prosperity, security and peace for other peoples no less than for the people of Britain.

"It associates with all the agencies of international standing whose purpose is the liberation of mankind, the development of the world's resources for the world's welfare." —Reuter.

BRIDGE TRAGEDY

Rome, Apr. 30.
Twenty-two workmen were killed when a bridge, which they were rebuilding, collapsed at Cesena, near Forli, tonight. Another 53 workmen were also thrown to the ground and many of them were seriously wounded. —Reuter.

Whampoa Harbour Project

Shanghai, May 1.
Whampoa harbour in Canton is being repaired and reconstructed to aid trade in South China. Mr. Ting Sze-chi, chief of the South China Office of the Import-Export Board, revealed on his arrival here yesterday.

Mr. Ting is in Shanghai to report on import-export conditions of South China to the head office here.

Exports have exceeded imports in Canton during recent months, he said. Mr. Ting declared that about 45 per cent of exports from South China are agricultural products. Of this, tung oil heads the list.

Other important export items listed, according to relative volume, are animal products, bamboo, lumber, minerals and native cloth.

He said that smuggling has decreased with the tightening of control following the agreement between the Chinese Government and the Hong Kong authorities.

Mr. Ting further pointed out that Canton's trade has mostly been of a small-scale nature, due to its proximity to the free port of Hong Kong. Today, repairs and reconstruction are going on in Whampoa Harbour to help to promote South China trade. —Reuter.

FED UP WITH THE ARMY

Aldershot, Apr. 29.
Leonard Goldthorpe, 23, got six months in gaol today for awarding himself three discharges from the Army.

"I was fed up with the Service," he explained in court. Police said he managed the three discharges by presenting forged papers. He obtained advance pay, travelling expenses and a suit of civilian clothing. —Associated Press.

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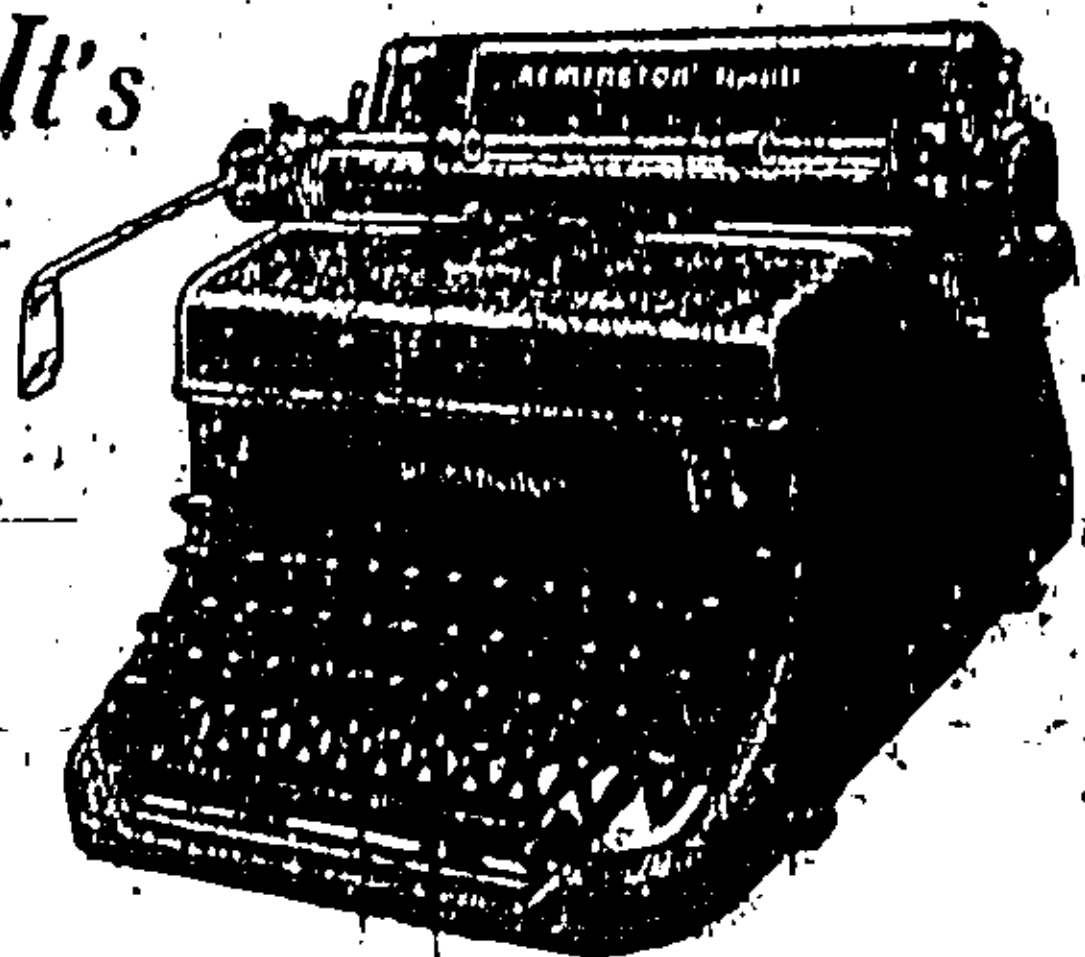
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MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

By Margaret Bradbury

NEWS OF 103 YEARS AGO.

ROBERT L. RIPLEY.

In the course of time, Hong Kong has received visits from many interesting personalities, but none more unusual than Mr. "Believe It Or Not" Ripley, who stepped ashore from the "President Cleveland" on Friday for a ten hour "look see" at the Colony. During that time ashore, Mr. Ripley was supposed to give a press conference, photograph, several sections of the town for television and motion pictures, obtain 50 Chinese signatures to a Brooklyn baseball pool "stunt", and obtain eight pieces of information for publication in his cartoon.

Perhaps no other name and phrase have gripped the imagination and interest of people to such an extent as Ripley, who draws and describes four to seven addities every day of the week for over 70 million world newspaper readers. His syndicated cartoons are printed in 17 languages in 38 countries and appear in 320 newspapers.

But although today he is a prosperous, world-famed cartoonist, Ripley began his career 55 years ago as a small-town boy of poor parents in Santa Rosa, California. His ambition was to become a professional baseball player but for the fact that he broke his arm, and became instead a sports cartoonist on the New York Globe. One day when Ripley had a deadline to make and no interesting copy, he sketched a scene of unusual happenings in the sports world and at the last moment scratched up the title "Believe It Or Not". From that day public demand for the feature grew, but success came to Ripley suddenly on the day "Lindbergh was the first man to make a non-stop flight over the Atlantic Ocean." Lindbergh did make the first solo non-stop flight, but he was preceded by one airplane with two men and two dirigibles with a total of 64 men.

The second of his international successes was a cartoon entitled "Marching Chinese" which stated that if the entire population of China were ranged four abreast behind each other and marched according to U.S. military regulations past one given point, there would never be an end to the marching line. Ripley explained that in one year a total of only 25,880,000 people could march past the point, while the annual birthrate of the Chinese is very much higher.

Ripley lives alone in the midst of reminders of the many countries he has visited during the past 35 years. The 20 rooms on his island estate in New York and the 20 rooms of his downtown studio are filled with unique objects from all parts of the world, including a collection of Oriental art, African carvings, Aztec masks, and what is said to be the world's largest collection of steins and goblets. One of his possessions is the Foo Chow Junk "Mon Lei" which originally came from Aberdeen and was sailed across to America in 1939 by a crew of three Chinese and one Scotsman. Mr. Ripley purchased the junk and installed a 165 horse power Diesel engine which enables her to cruise round his island home at a speed of 11 knots. He spends a great deal of time in the "Mon Lei" and any guests who are invited on board for a meal are served with Chinese dishes.

Mr. Ripley, who is accompanied on his travels by a staff of six assistants, intends to visit Shanghai, Nanking, Peiping, and Japan before returning to America.

WEBBS LEAVING ON

"SURPRISE".
Mr. W. E. (Bill) Webb, of the Public Works Transport section, is leaving Hong Kong tomorrow aboard the s.s. "Surprise" together with his wife and their eight-year-old daughter Deirdre. They are bound for Montreal, where Mr. Webb will take up a permanent appointment with the Austin Motor Company, Canada Ltd. Both Mr. and Mrs. Webb have spent many years in Hong Kong, and have a large number of friends and acquaintances. Owing to the rush of departure, however, they have been unable to say farewell to many people and are leaving behind an open invitation of hospitality to all their friends, who may visit Canada on leave in the future. The Webbs may be contacted through the Austin Company's Montreal Office.

Mrs. Webb first arrived in Hong Kong in 1927 to join the Education Department. She then Miss Anne Steele and will be remembered during those early years for her keen hockey playing. During the occupation, she and Deirdre were evacuated to Australia and rejoined Mr. Webb in Hong Kong in January 1945. For the last 10 months, Webb has been teaching at the French Convent School. Mr. Webb also came out to China from England in 1927 and went to Shanghai where he spent the next five years working with the Anglo-Palace Company. He came to Hong Kong in 1932 to join Messrs. Alex. Ross, Austin agents in the Colony. Mr. Webb was a keen volunteer with the 1st Battery and remained a Battery Sergeant for many years.

The Webbs were married in 1928 and their first child, a daughter, was born in 1931. Mr. Webb joined the Hong Kong Police Department as Stores Officer.

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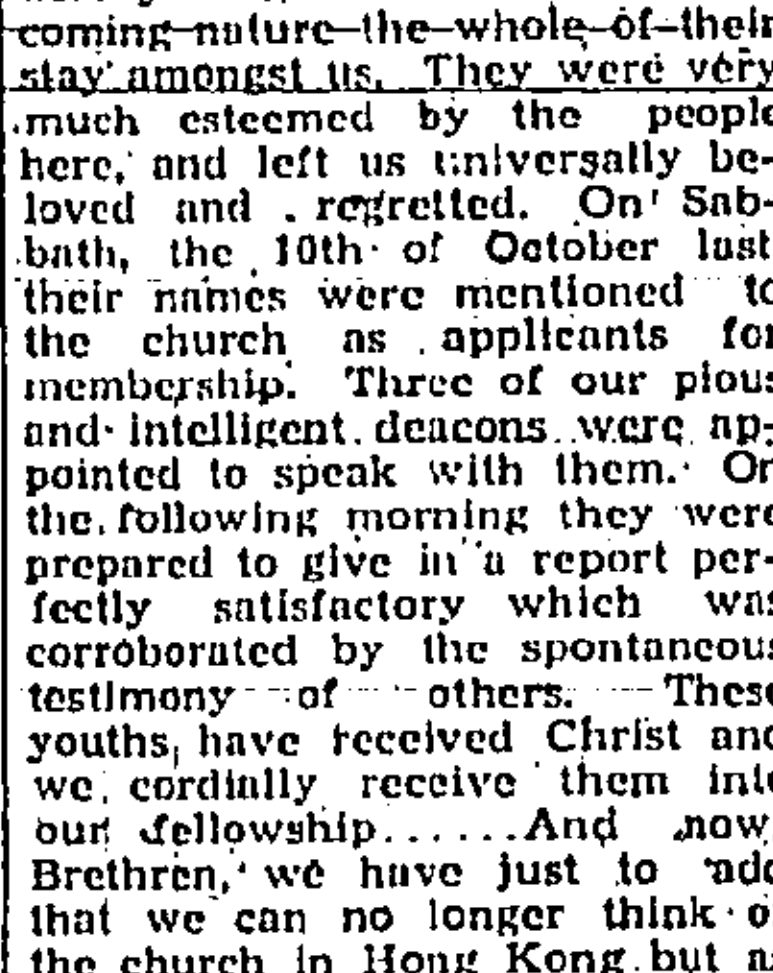
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Picture taken at the Kowloon Free Night School recently. In an effort to provide increased facilities for this and projected schools, the H.K. Chinese Women's Club are next week organizing a charity ball.

to practice. Members of the club include Mrs. Segalen, Mrs. Nicole Fay, M. Schatz (Knock), Mr. Andre Jacques and others. Tickets for the "Happier" public who wish to attend the play will be obtainable from Sennet Fraser from May 10th.

"Knock" will be the second in less than six months. In addition to this, the Society broadcast every Thursday over ZBW "The French Half Hour" which consists of music, sketches, poetry, auditions and sometimes re-transcriptions of French broadcasts in Paris. A library consisting of nearly 3,000 books in the French Consulate gives members of this Society a varied choice of literature. The President, Mr. de Champeaux, Manager of the Banque de l'Indochine says membership is now more than 130 and made up of different nationalities including British and Chinese and French speaking. They meet regularly each month and often hold a presentation of films or music.

BY THE WAY.

Mr. Robert W. Hemphill, foreign travel service expert arrived here on Friday from Shanghai as part of a tour of the Far East to survey possibilities for conducting round-the-world air cruises. He has been in foreign travel service for 25 years, leaving the U.S. Navy after the first world war, he took a sea trip round the world and was struck with the wanderlust. He joined a round-the-world travel service as escort for many years before establishing his own firm—the present Hemphill Travel Service and Hemphill World Cruises. Mr. Hemphill will leave the Colony for Manila on May 4th on his way back to the U.S.A.

The seventh one-man exhibition of painting by Mr. Luk Chah, which opens tomorrow at the St. Francis Hotel, marks the 20th year of his art career.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

The need of free education for the poor children, and vocational training for women and girls was never more clearly realised by any organisation than the Hong Kong Chinese Women's Association which, with the exception of the occupation years, have been holding an annual ball to raise funds for its work since 1938.

The scope of this Association's activities is more transparent when it is stated that it maintains a vocational training centre at 136 Main Street, East, Shau-kiwan, and a free night school at the Heung Kwong Middle School, 70 Taiipo Road.

In the former premises over 40 women and girls are taught sewing, cutting, machining, embroidery, and the making of children's clothes, by trained teachers during the day, while night school classes are held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

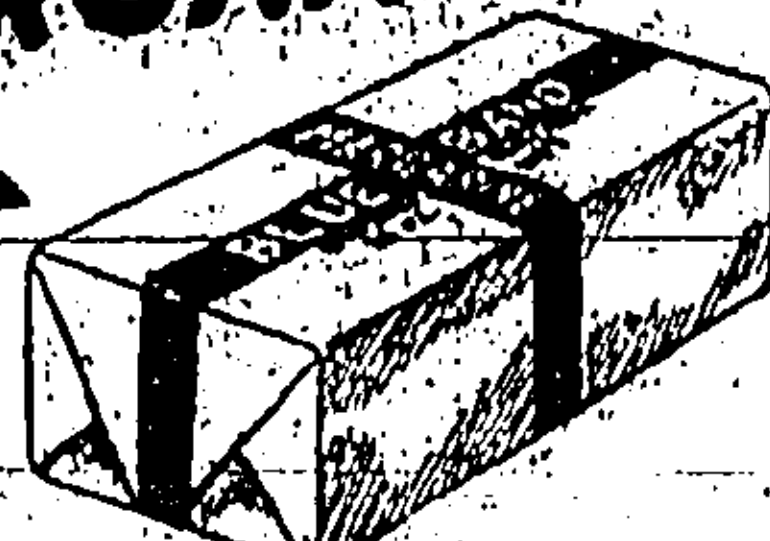
Nearly 150 boys, divided into four classes, attend night classes from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the Heung Kwong Middle School premises.

On May 5, which is a general holiday in honour of the inauguration of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek as the First President of China, the Association will be holding its annual ball at the Hong Kong Hotel, commencing at 8 p.m. and terminating at 2 a.m. the following morning.

A programme of entertainment has been arranged by Major Way and Mr. Tommy Wei and will consist of a Mandarin song by Miss Li Shiu-mei, a Tabu dance and a Tango by Miss Irene Artichu accompanied in the latter by Victor Orloff, a dance (in a Persian Market), by Miss Nelly Field, a hula dance, by Miss Catherine Kong (accompanied by Tommy Wei), a couple of songs by the Chinese Bing Crosby (Roxey Lee Wong), and a side-splitting act by The Great Rube. Mr. Donald G. Yardley will be

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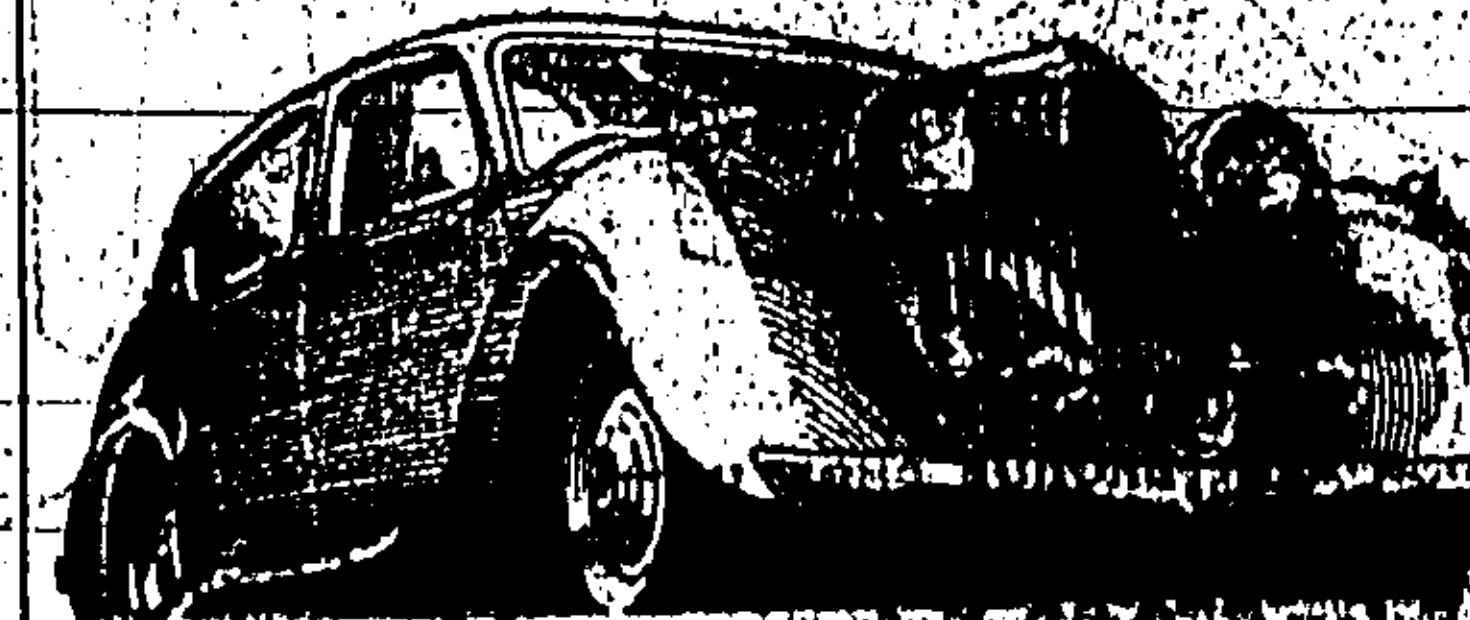


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Islam Military Pact On Palestine

Amman, Apr. 30.

Reliable sources said today that Transjordan, Iraq, Syria, the Lebanon and Egypt had agreed on a long-term military campaign to wear down the Jews in Palestine.

They reported that leaders of the five Arab countries, at a conference here, decided against the idea of a lightning campaign in Palestine because of the lack of thousands of well-trained, well-equipped troops needed for such an operation.

Sources close to the leaders said they depended on a war of attrition. They added that the military leaders did not rule out the possibility that the Jews themselves might try a blitzkrieg campaign as soon as the Arab mandate expired on May 15.

The Beaver Resigns

London, Apr. 30.

Lord Beaverbrook, 69-year-old publisher of the London Daily Express and Evening Standard, has resigned his membership on the Board of the Newsprint Supply Company, which allocates newsprint to British newspapers.

The Board announced tonight that Beaverbrook resigned because of his long and frequent absence from England when he was the Board chairman.

Beaverbrook sailed today on the Queen Elizabeth for Canada. In recent years he has spent the greater part of his time either in Canada or Bermuda.

Viscount Rothermere, publisher of the London Daily Mail, succeeds Beaverbrook as chairman.

Associated Press.

BIG SCALE BRITISH EMIGRATION

London, Apr. 29.

Twenty-one thousand British emigrants went by sea to India and Ceylon during the years 1946 and 1947. Mr. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, announced in Parliament today.

Seventy-six thousand went to Canada, 37,000 to South Africa, 23,000 to Australia, 12,000 to New Zealand and 41,000 to other British countries.

In addition, 60,000 emigrated to the United States and 12,000 to other foreign countries.—Reuter.

Healthy Sign In Nanking

New York, Apr. 30.

The Times, in an editorial today, said: "What China has lacked most politically over the last 20 years has been the existence of 'loyal opposition' to the group around President Chiang Kai-shek that ruled the Kuomintang and the National Government."

"If the vote in the National Assembly that elected General Li Tsung-shan taken at the face value then there is now a strong 'loyal opposition' which may be difficult to liquidate."

The editorial said that although Chinese political developments are not always what they seem, but his election appears to have been a "revolt" against inner-circle decision.

It said, "It is the first real break in the right front of Kuomintang's leaders whose motto has always been 'No party outside the Party.' Within the Party no clique." The article added, "It is a healthy and promising sign and a step away from the one-party government with all its evils. How important and lasting it will be would be foolish now to predict."

NORWAY SERVES NOTICE

Oslo, Apr. 30.

Norway served firm notice today that she will fight for preservation of her freedom if necessary and share the task of restoring Europe's economic stability.

The Foreign Secretary Halvard Lange asserted in an address today that "under all circumstances we must defend ourselves against attacks and through our foreign policy we must aim at obtaining the greatest possible security against the danger of aggression."

He did not name possible aggressors but there have been repeated unconfirmed reports that Russia may make demands on Norway possibly for a part of military alliance similar to that which the Soviet Union recently arranged with Finland.

In obvious reference to the struggle between Russia and the Western Powers for control of the European continent Lange declared:

"Norway does not stand indifferent toward the ideological struggle between democracy and totalitarianism. In the interest of peace and cooperation we go in for European cooperation for joint reconstruction."—Associated Press.

DEATH SENTENCE

Peiping, April 30.

The Hopei High Court today confirmed the death sentence on Wang Tang, leader of North China collaborators who held various high posts under the Japanese during the war.

Wang, who was carried to the courtroom on a stretcher due to illness, was the leader of the influential Anfu Clique in the warlord days.—United Press.

AUCHINLECK REPORT ON MALAYA PLANS

London, Apr. 30.

Plans for reconquering the Malay Peninsula from the Japanese were laid by Allied leaders as early as 1943. Field Marshal Sir Claude Auchinleck, then Commander-in-Chief of India, reveals in a despatch published for the first time by the War Office.

The despatch, covering the period between June 20, 1943, and November 15 of the same year, says that, after the Conference in May, 1943, between Mr. Churchill, President Roosevelt, and the Chief of Staff, an outline plan was prepared for the capture of North Sumatra.

This was to be followed by a landing near Penang, with the object of recapturing Malaya. The Chiefs of Staff despatch records accepted this as a basis for a more detailed Staff study, which commenced at Sir Claude's headquarters accordingly.

In the meantime, the Quebec Conference called for a study of: (a) operations against Northern Sumatra for the spring of 1944, (b) operations through the Malacca Straits and Malaya for a direct recapture of Singapore. With regard to the first, the conclusions reached were that forces would be far in excess of those required for the capture of Alor and that isolated long-range penetration operations, without the support of main forces, could not achieve the capture of Sumatra.

Regarding the second, this was at first scheduled for as early as date as might be practicable, but was subsequently deferred to the end of 1944 or early in 1945. Referred to as the 'Malaya Plan'.

Communists Defiant

New York, Apr. 30.

The American Communist Party threatened today to defy a Bill approved this week by the House of Representatives Un-American Activities Committee, requiring all Communist Party representatives to register with the Justice Department.

Mr. William Forster, the Party chairman, said in an interview that the party would refuse to disclose the names of all its officers and members "even if a Bill required it to do so because law."

The Bill provides for penalties of up to \$5,000 and five years' imprisonment for party officials failing to register and double these penalties, plus loss of citizenship, for trying to establish a totalitarian dictatorship in the United States.—Reuter.

Paris, Apr. 29.

A train on the autocar linking Pnom-penh and Battambang was attacked on Tuesday about 10 miles north of Battambang. Agence France Presse reported from Saigon. There were believed to have been several victims.—Reuter.

£40 A Week Offer To Ex-Servicemen

Sydney, Apr. 30.

Australian ex-servicemen had been offered up to £40 a week here to go to the Middle East and train troops for the Palestine fighting, a reliable source here said today.

He said that both the Jews and Arabs were making offers and several ex-officers, including one expert in commando training, had been signed up as instructors by the Arabs.

Jewish agents are also said to be seeking experienced men, particularly with technical military training. One senior officer was said to have accepted £60 a week.

Both sides were maintaining the strictest secrecy and no official or organization here would admit that recruiting was going on.

Mr. Arthur Calwell, the Australian Minister of Immigration, said in Canberra tonight that the Australian Government would refuse passports to Australians seeking to go to Palestine to fight for either side.—Reuter.

ODDS AGAINST THE KREMLIN

Washington, Apr. 30.

Congressman Karl Mundt said the non-Communist world holds from 70 to 92 percent of the "vital elements required to wage a victorious war."

The Republican Representative from South Dakota, a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, declared that this preponderance of economic power on the side of free nations should be a strong factor for permanent peace.

He added in a statement:

"No war-mad country and no power-hungry aggressor will initiate a war against such odds as the Communists would confront if the peace-loving areas of the world harness their resources together under an effective formula for international action."

That formula, he said, should be a revision of the United Nations charter.

Mundt is one of the sponsors of a pending resolution to put the US Congress on record in favour of a UN charter overhaul to curtail sharply big power veto.

This and other moves in Congress aimed at getting around Russia's tactics in the UN came under discussion at a top level but secret foreign policy review earlier this week.

Nine Resources

Secretary of State George Marshall, who up to now at least has sought to stifle any charter revision efforts, met with chairman Arthur Vandenberg of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, who has favoured a middle-ground course.

Others at the session were American UN delegate John Foster Dulles and Under Secretary of State Robert Lovett.

Dulles is said to share Vandenberg's view that the veto should be abolished in matters dealing with peaceful procedures but retained when the use of force is involved.

As part of Mundt's preparations for a battle in behalf of his sweeping revision proposal, the South Dakota lawmaker studied nine basic resources in Russia and her 11 satellites and in 45 non-Communist countries.

All We Need

He listed these percentages favouring the free nations: Crude oil output, 92.6 percent; proved oil resources, 90.68 percent; Smelter output of copper, 91.5 percent; Population, 87.5 percent; Coal production, 84.8 percent; Pig iron production, 82.5 percent; Iron ore output, 82 percent.

Steel ingot production, 80.7 percent; Wheat output, 70.9 percent.

Mundt added: "We have the atomic bomb, we have the advantage in transportation systems, we have virtually the total surface navy of the world. We have the power to preserve the peace because we have the unquestioned power to destroy Communism by force of arms if need be."

"All we need is the courage, energy and ability to organize this vast power now—while it is supreme."—Associated Press.

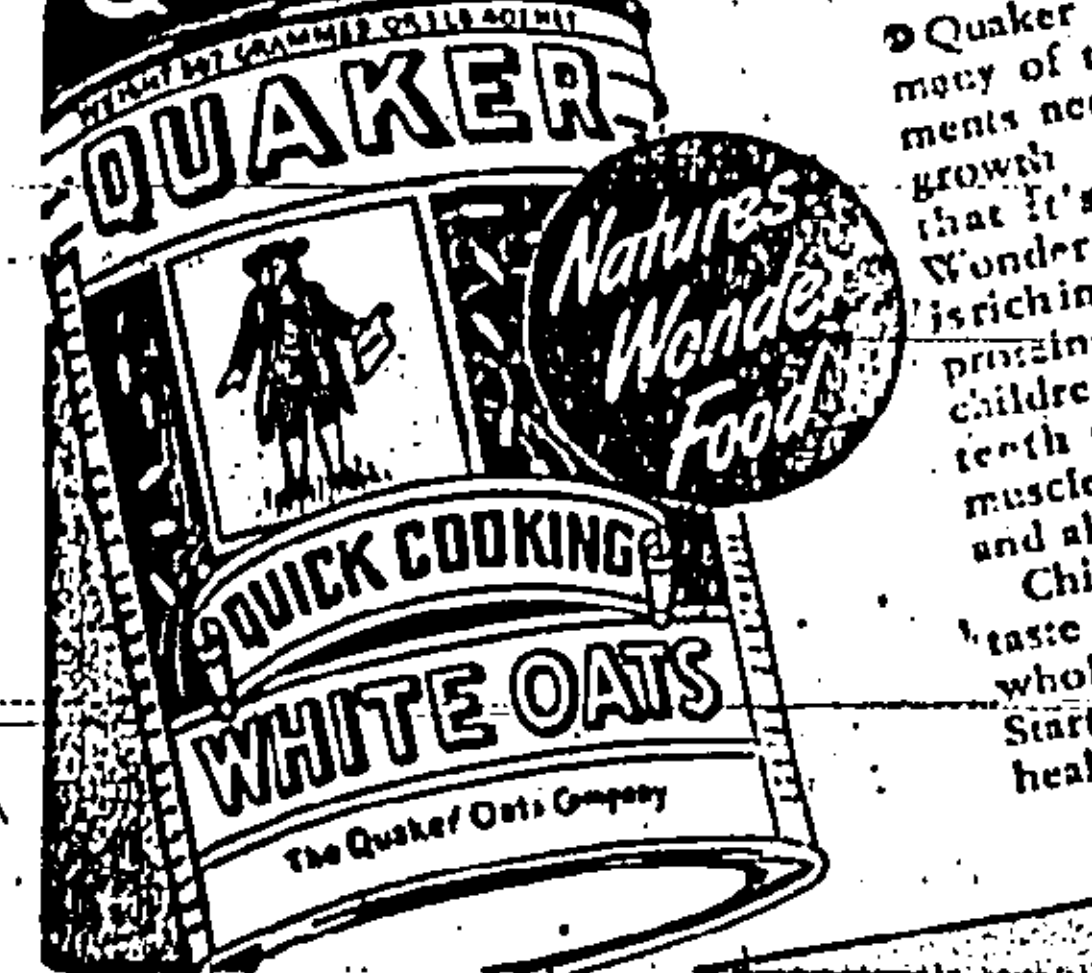
U.S. WARSHIPS IN NORWAY

Oslo, Apr. 29.

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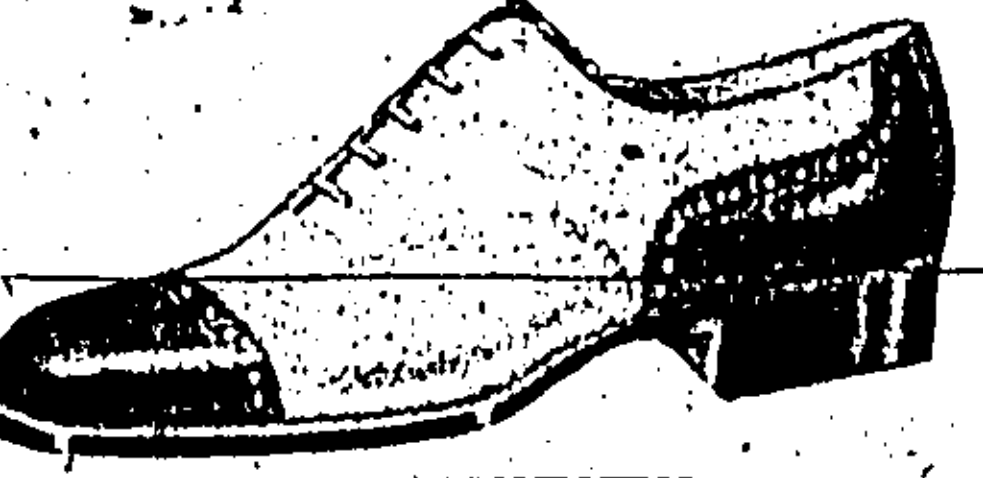
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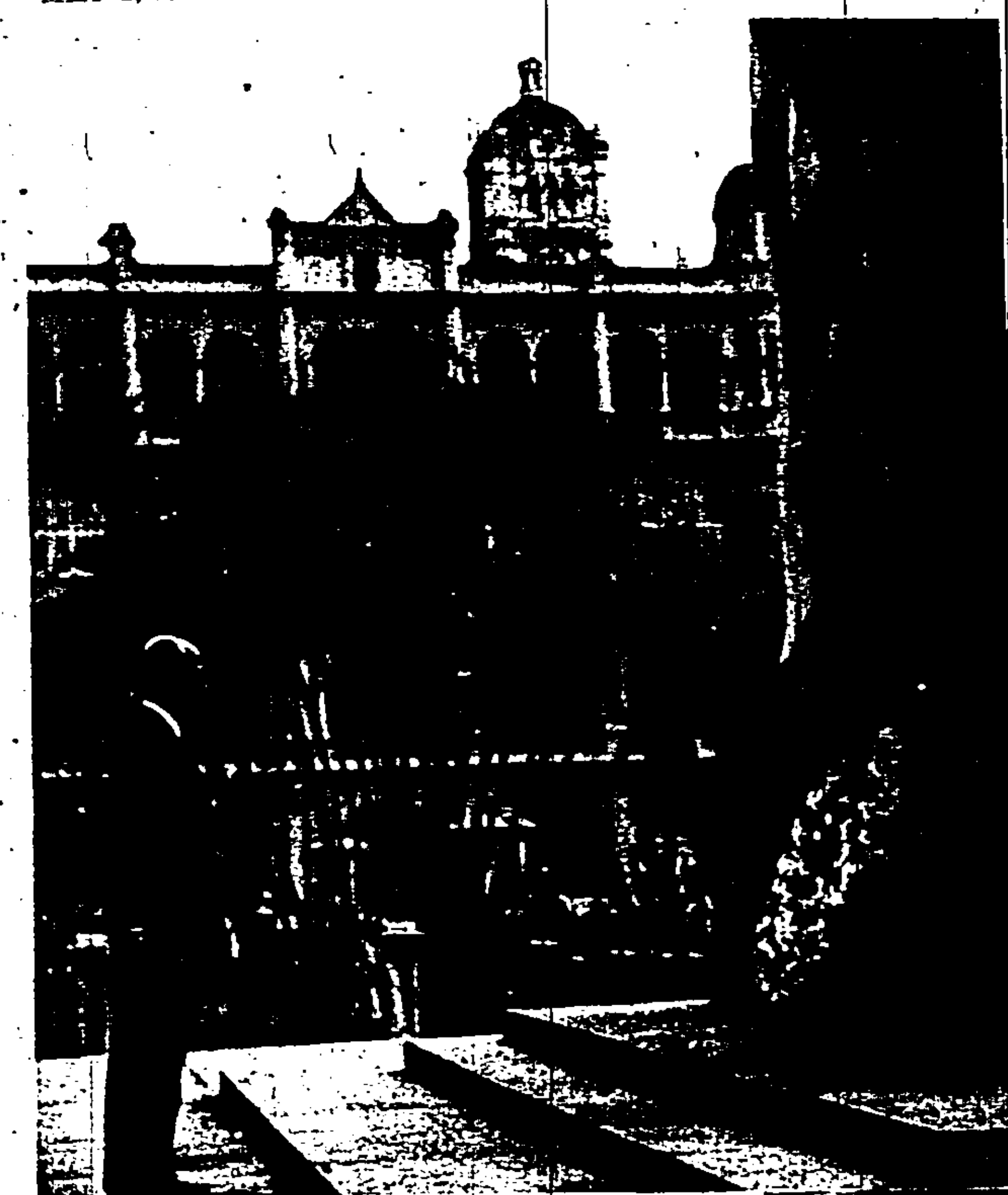
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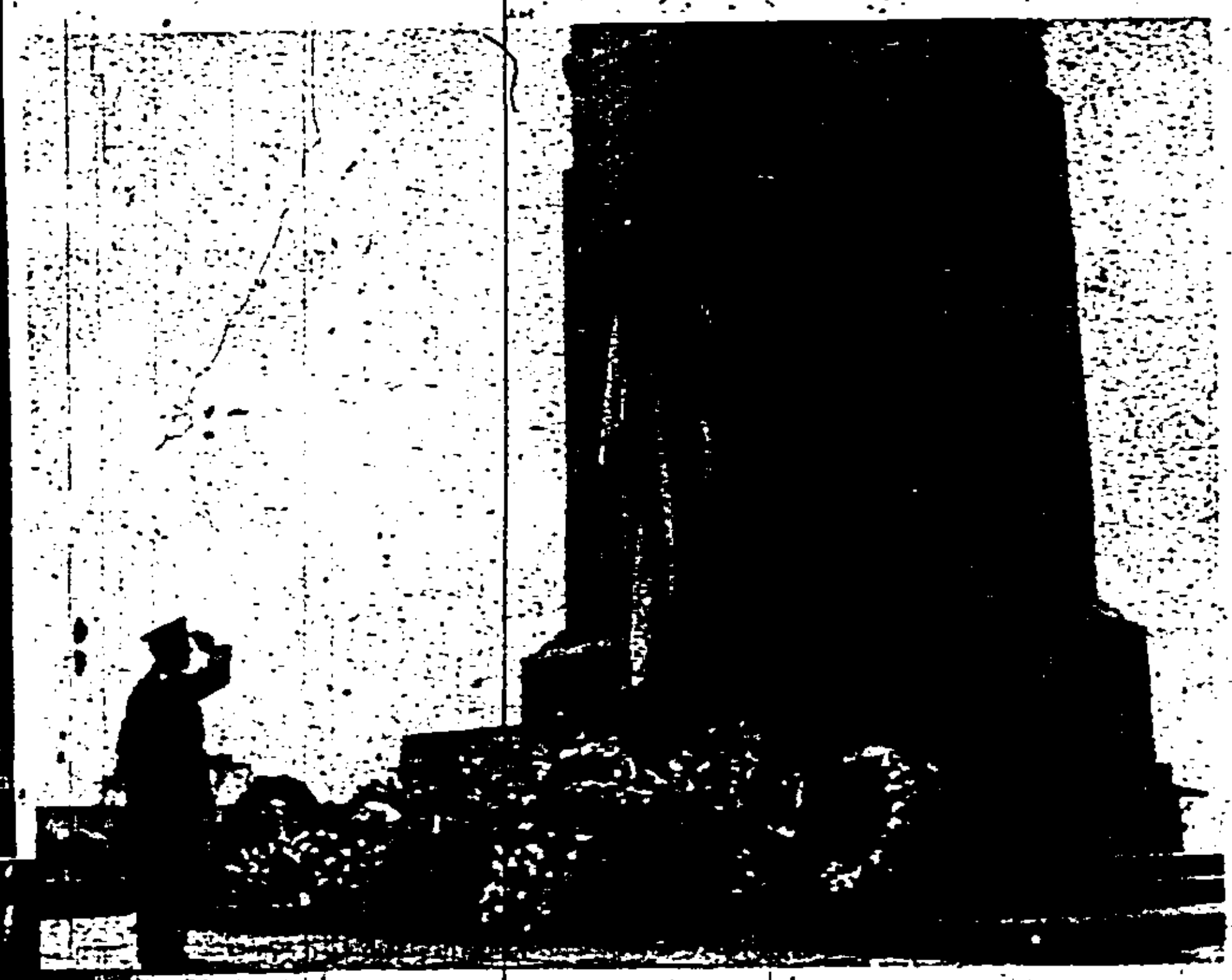
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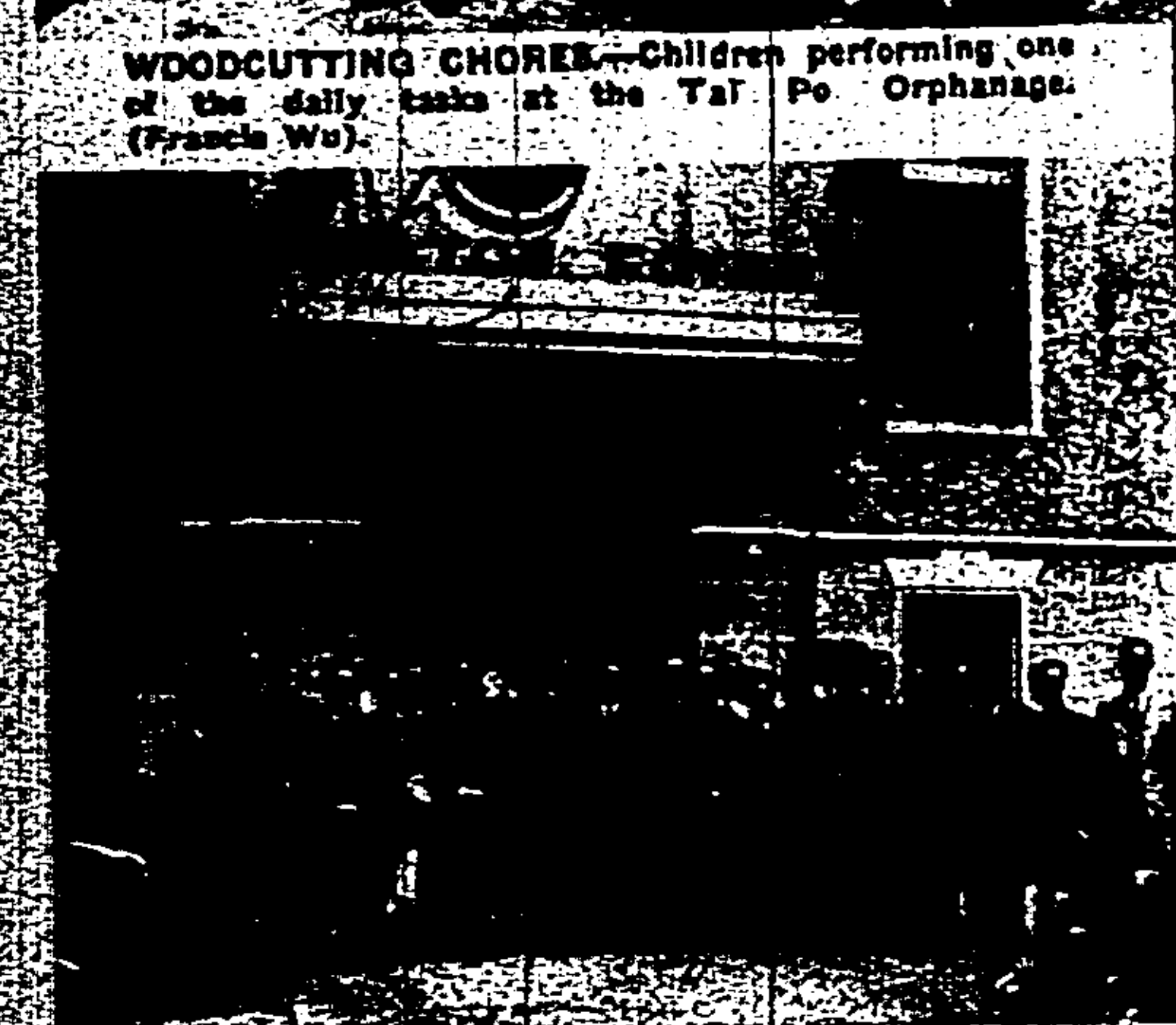
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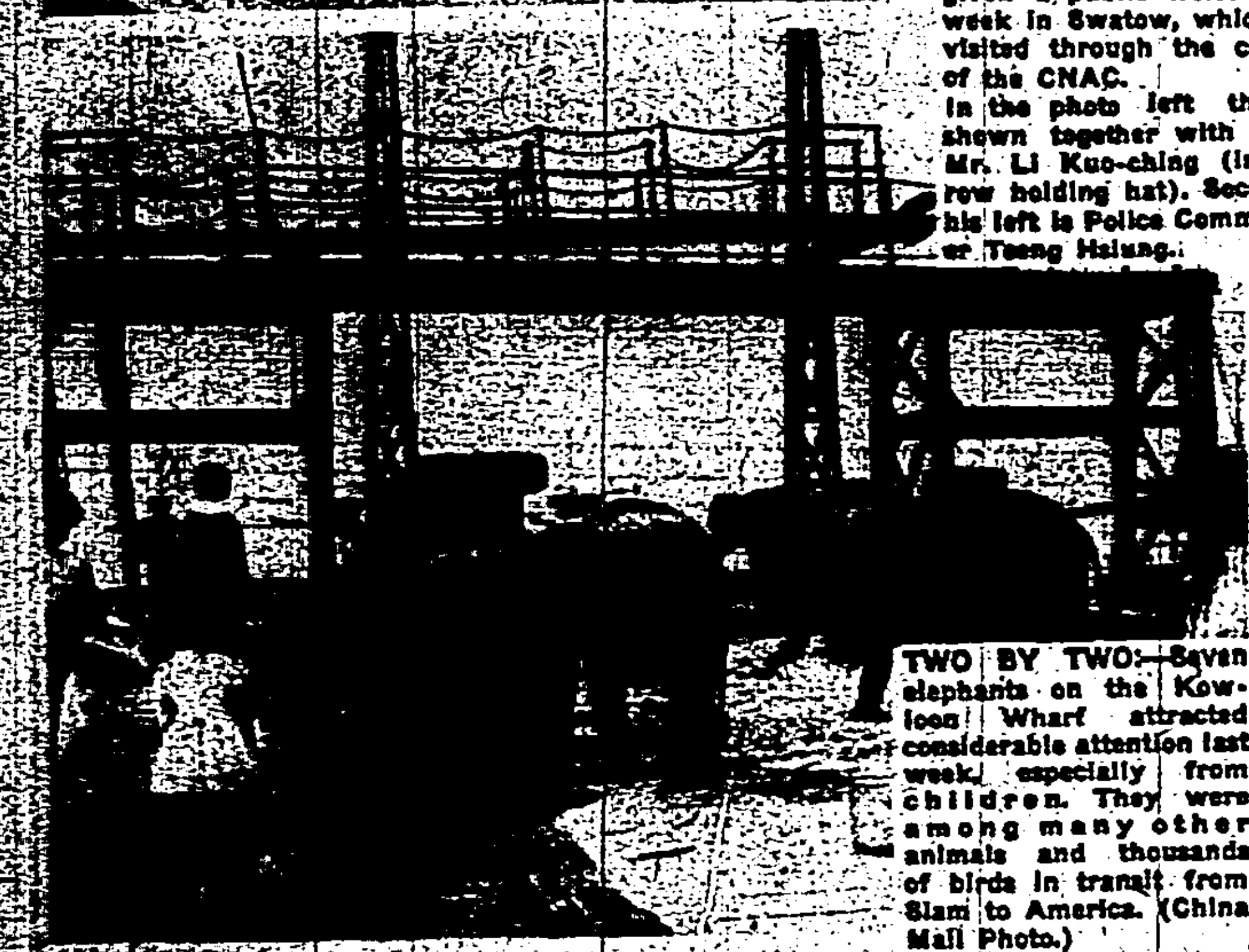


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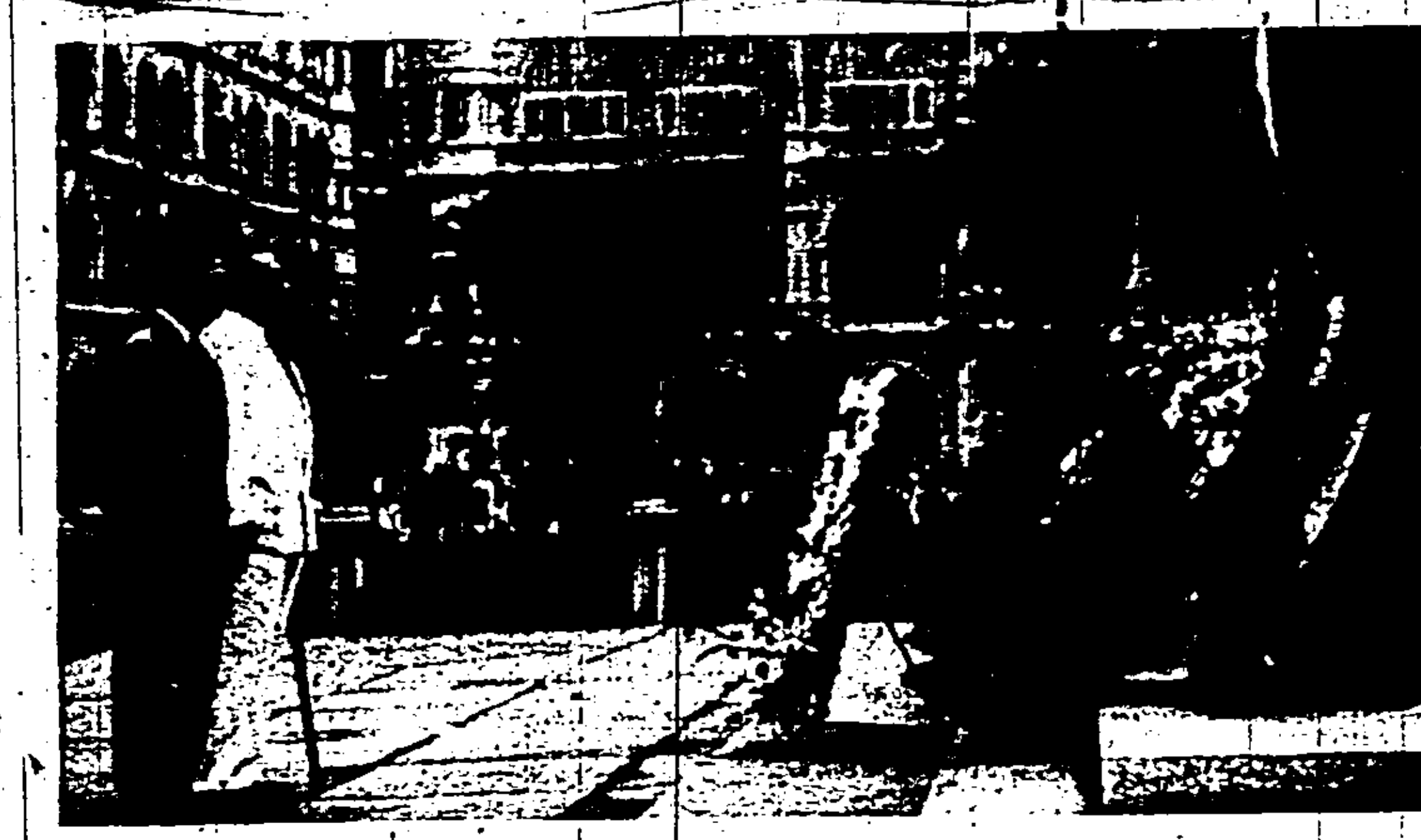
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Musical World

THE PROMS

By special request, the main work on the ZBW Proms concert to-night will be Brahms "Quintet in B minor, for clarinet (or viola) and strings," Op. 115. This will be preceded by "The Great Elopement," arrangement of Handel's music by Sir Thomas Beecham, and followed by the light (one might almost say frivolous) "Dances from Galanta," by Kodaly.

To start off with a confession of both ignorance and failure. I have never heard "The Great Elopement." I know very little about it, and I have not able to find anyone in Hong Kong who does. It appears to be a ballet, with scenes labelled "The Pump Room," "Beau Nash," "Sarabande" and so on but none of the local balletomanes know anything about it. Beecham seems to have taken bits of music from various works by Handel, re-arranged them and given the pot-pourri a title; you may be able to identify some parts of it. I can't—but I hear it's all very pleasant to listen to. It's not a bad idea of Beecham's and he seems to have chosen the proper Handel for it!

BRAHMS

For piquancy of contrast, the association of a single woodwind with several strings takes a lot of beating, even though the balance of tone may be somewhat disturbed. Composers have found that to be true, whether they are a Mozart writing a clarinet quintet, a Brahms writing a horn trio or clarinet quintet, or a Bax or Bliss writing an oboe quintet.

The Brahms quintet ranks among the very best; some admirers of it would admit it to an even higher and more exclusive category. To quote Fuller-Maitland, "the rhapsodical slow movement is perhaps the most effective thing ever written for the clarinet." So much for Tommy Dorsey!

As matter of interest, the suggestion in Brahms' mind for the special use of the clarinet in this work, as well as the A minor trio which preceded it (Op. 114) and the two sonatas in F minor and E flat (Op. 120) was a direct result of the exquisite playing of Muhlfield, clarinetist of the Meiningen Orchestra, who was to the clarinet what Joachim was to the violin. Muhlfield, incidentally, was self-taught, which made his model performances all the more remarkable.

The wonderful eloquence of this work, and its happy treatment of the dialogue between wood instrument and first violin, have ensured this quintet a permanent position as a major item in chamber music.

KODALY

Sometimes called the "Hungarian Schubert"—he shares with him his instinct for melody and diffuseness of composition—Zoltan Kodaly is one of the three most gifted of modern Hungarian composers. He is a romantic and his harmony is modern. At the same time it is neither perverse nor deliberately obscure. His music is one of the three most gifted of modern Hungarian composers. He is a romantic and his harmony is modern. At the same time it is neither perverse nor deliberately obscure. His music is simple and direct.

Like his fellow composer, Bartok, Kodaly made a deep study of Hungarian folk music, collecting some 4,000 melodies. He traced many traditional tunes back to their original sources, freeing them from foreign and gipsy influences. Some of these were published jointly with Bartok in two volumes and Kodaly followed this up with 10 more volumes between 1929 and 1932.

His greatest work has been a choral opus—"Psalmus Hungaricus," which has been hailed as a masterpiece, isolated and small perhaps, but nonetheless a masterpiece. The work, to be heard tonight, the "Dances from Galanta," was written for the 50th anniversary of the Budapest Philharmonic Society in 1933. It is somewhat superficial and displays no experimental tendencies; but it is highly entertaining and a fitting work to conclude a ZBW Proms concert.

BACH BOW

Nearly 200 years after the death of Johann Sebastian Bach, a musician in Carnegie Hall has revived the forgotten tradition of violin playing in the Bach manner (says a United Press despatch from New York). In Bach's time, says UP, the violin was played in Germany not with a straight but with the arch bow. With the flatter bridge, it enabled the violinist to encompass three or more strings simultaneously with soft, organ-like effect. He did not have to disturb the flow of tone by the violent breaking of the chords, as it must be done with our concave Tante bow.

Violinist Roman Totenberg got together with California's bow-maker John Bolandeh, of San Jose. They built a bow. The problem of restoration was complicated by the fact that no original examples of the arched violin bow of the Bach period could be found in any collections in the world. No records of the original measurements have come down to us.

Totenberg and Bolandeh also had to take into account the greater tension of the strings, the higher, and more pronounced curve of the bridge and the slighter and shorter bass-bar on the Italian and French instruments now in use.

Totenberg used the new bow in the second and third movements of the Honegger solo sonata (a first performance) and in the Bach Chaconne. The consensus of the public and the New York critics was that the new bow made possible a greater weight and richness of tone and gave the performance a greater breadth of polyphony.

BLAIR

A full-blooded aborigine, Australia's 23-year-old tenor Harold Blair is to visit America next year. Blair was born on a Queensland mission station, where he was educated. He drove trucks in the cane fields and was in great demand as a singer at local concerts. When he was 20, Majorie Lawrence heard him sing at Brisbane and helped him to get engagements.

PIANIST WANTED

The "Edgar M. Leventritt Foundation" has announced its 9th annual competition to select an outstanding young artist for an appearance with the New York Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra. This year's competition, which will be held in the autumn, will be for pianists only.

Applicants must be residents of the United States or Canada, between 17 and 25 years of age and meet minimum requirements as to experience.

MAGGIE TEYTE

Maggie Teyte, the great English singer, reached the age of 60 this month. The anniversary came in the midst of her appearance in Debussy's "Pelleas and Melisande" at the New York City Centre.

In this engagement, Miss Teyte sang for the first time in America the Melisande role, which made her world-famous 40 years ago in Paris. Debussy himself chose her to follow Mary Garden in the part. That was in 1908 with the Opera Comique, and the young "Mademoiselle Teyte" was then hailed as the "youngest Prima Donna in the world."

In 1930, she retired from concert and opera. In 1945, she made a sensational come-back, singing in America for the first time after an absence of 25 years. She is returning to England in May.

LA SCALA

Auditions are now being held in Town Hall, New York, to choose 50 young American singers who will be taken as students at La Scala School, Milan.

One scholarship will be awarded, with all expenses paid. The other singers who are accepted will be charged a reasonable fee. The judges include famous singers, both Italian and American.

POULENC

Francis Poulenc, composer and pianist, and Pierre Bernac, tenor, will visit the United States for the first time in November and will make a joint recital tour.

Poulenc is one of "Lee Six," the group of advanced young French composers who achieved their first renown after World War I. He is chiefly known to American audiences through his ballets, songs and instrumental works.

His new opera bouffe "Les Mamelles de Tirésias" caused a furore at its Paris premiere last year.

FROM FRANCE

The Orchestre National, directed by Charles Munch, is to tour the United States this coming autumn, under the auspices of the French Government. This is the first time that a major European symphony orchestra has visited the United States since 1920-21, when Toscanini brought over the orchestra of La Scala, Milan.

The Orchestre National will stay for at least six weeks and play from 40 to 50 concerts. Appearances have been scheduled definitely for 26 cities and negotiations are in progress with 20 others.

AT THE "Y"

Friday's gramophone concert at the "Y" will consist of the following works:—

Slavonic Dance No. 4 in F..... Dvorak.

Wotan's Farewell ("The Valkyrie")..... Wagner. Baritone soloist: Friedrich Schorr.

Concerto No. 2 in B Flat Major..... Beethoven. Solo pianist: Arthur Schnabel.

Suite for Strings..... Purcell.

Symphony No. 97 in C Major..... Haydn.

CHAMBER MUSIC

A 2-year plan of 32 chamber music concerts in Town Hall, New York, has been announced by the New Friends of Music. According to United Press, the idea is to introduce many of Mozart's rarely-heard serenades and divertimenti for unusual combinations of wind instruments and strings, in addition to string quartets and quintets and chamber work with piano. The programmes will be supplemented by the chamber works of Bach and Brahms, and the contemporary composers Arnold Schoenberg and Paul Hindemith.

The two-year cycle, extending through to early 1950, will begin on October 31st next. Ensembles to appear in the programmes include the Budapest, Busch, Guilet, Roth Juilliard, Paganini, Pro Arte, Galimir and Hungarian Quartets; Robert Shaw's Collegiate Chorale; and the Albeniz, Pasquier, and Busch-Serkin Trios.

Among the individual artists are Adolf Busch, Joseph Szigeti, Hortense Monath, Rudolf Serkin, Leonard Rose, Lotte Lehmann, Jennie Tourel, Horowitz, Milton Katims, Nikita Magaloff, Robert Bloom, Rudolf Firkusny, John Wummer, Jascha Veissi, John Garis, Alice Howland, Erich Korngold, Ignace Strassegger, Louise Bernhardt, Fritz Stiedry, Erika von Wagner, Joseph and Lilian Fuchs.

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1. Cubs (Boy Scouts) and Brownies (Girl Guides).

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3. The month.

4. The Mayor.

5. The Jewish.

6. Anne Boleyn.

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Health Page

Britain's National Health Scheme

Publication of a memorandum by Britain's Royal College of Nursing on recruitment and training of hospital nurses is a reminder that in two months the great National Health Service will have begun to operate. The memorandum deals with methods of improving training and calls attention to the expansion in numbers which will be required as the National Health Service comes into full operation. It recommends further research into ways of economising the use of available nursing personnel in order to help enable it to meet all the demands which will be made on it.

The scope of Britain's National Health service has also been underlined by recent financial estimates published by the Ministry of Health. Altogether £540,000,000 are to be spent in the coming year on the main social services—national insurance, housing and town planning, pensions, health and so on. Of this sum, no less than £150,000,000 will go to implement the new expanded national health service in England, Scotland and Wales. Expenditure in the past year was under £3,000,000.

This big sum, translated into man hours and materials, represents a very considerable inroad into the nation's resources at a time when they are being marshalled and controlled with the greatest care to meet all the vast de-

mands of postwar reconstruction. What does the nation get for the expenditure?

When the health scheme comes into force on July 5 it will apply to every person in the country. All those over school age and up to 65 in the case of men, or 60 in the case of women, will contribute to the national insurance scheme at rates varying from 2s. 3d. to 4s. 7d. weekly. In return for this they will qualify for unemployment and sickness insurance and pensions on retirement in addition to services provided by the health scheme.

Prevention Better Than Cure

The National Health Service will offer free hospital and specialist services, free health centres where teams of doctors can be consulted, home nursing and midwifery services and numerous other special facilities. The service is based on the principle that prevention is better than cure and good health depends on many factors besides actual treatment of the sick.

A big publicity campaign will be organised to let the public know of the facilities available and to encourage them to take positive steps to safeguard their health. Local authorities will provide special services for the care and advice of expectant and nursing mothers and young children. They will send health visitors into their homes where necessary. They will provide domestic help for women after child-birth and in other cases where it is needed on health grounds. Moreover, special facilities will be provided for handicapped people—the Ministry of Health has recently ordered 400,000 miniature hearing aids of a new pattern for the deaf, and these will be available free of charge to all those who need them.

Many of these services are already being provided by the local health services—one of the great factors in maintaining the health of Britain's children at a very high level during the war and under present difficult conditions has been the supply of priority milk and of vitamins to children and mothers. But the new service will expand, systematise and universalise them.

Friend and Adviser

Furthermore, the operation of the scheme is something quite new in social service. Instead of the bleak, impersonal and inhuman atmosphere which is apt to accompany a social system, the new service is to be modelled on the private practice which has played so great a part in the social life of Britain. The general practitioner will remain the friend and adviser of the family and the whole personal relationship will be preserved.

The patient is free under the scheme to choose his own doctor. He can be accommodated in a private ward in a hospital if he wishes and he can get the services of the greatest specialists in the country free of charge.

This health service will be available for 47,000,000 people so that it is not surprising that the nation will need to spend as much as £150,000,000 a year in addition to insurance contributions. At the present stage of postwar reconstruction, all major allocations of resources are subject to the strictest priority, and it is sometimes asked whether the nation can afford expenditure on this scale at the present moment.

To ask this question is to misunderstand the whole basis of Britain's reconstruction. No one underestimates the need for industrial and economic progress. Britain paid heavily for the war and her voluntary effort was greater than that of any other country and her need to increase industrial production is correspondingly great. The out-

Grim Tasks After Atom Raid

By DICK PEARCE

Surviving doctors will have some "bitter decisions" to make if atomic bombs ever fall on big cities; the American College of Physicians has been warned by a foremost authority on atomic medicine.

Many radiation victims with only slight apparent injury will be doomed to die, and the physician must learn to recognize their fatal symptoms, said Dr. Stafford L. Warren, wartime head of the medical section of Manhattan district.

These doomed victims in seeming health may include the doctor himself or members of his family.

But precious supplies of blood, blood plasma and penicillin must not be wasted on them because these will be needed for the thousands who do have a chance to survive, Doctor Warren said.

Doctor Warren is now dean of the medical school of the University of Los Angeles. He spoke at the second general session of the American College of Physicians convention.

Delayed Action

Radiation in lethal doses destroys the bone marrow, where white blood cells and blood platelets (which start clotting) are produced.

If the radiation is not intense enough to cause immediate death, the victim will appear to be normal for two or three weeks because there will be enough white blood cells in circulation in his system to carry him that long. But no new ones will be produced. It is after the second or third weeks that the symptoms begin to appear—internal bleeding, small hemorrhages visible beneath the skin, anemia, progressive weakness, susceptibility to infection and finally death.

Doctor Warren disclosed that researchers are seeking a "bone marrow bank" similar to the blood bank to use on the injured population in event of an atomic bombing catastrophe.

Still Lacking

He emphasized, however, that such a bank has not been achieved.

And although he expressed the hope that a way will be found to stem the internal bleeding of the radiation victim, he said no success is in sight here either.

Doctor Warren said the widely publicized threat of genetic changes due to atomic bomb radiation has been overemphasized.

He said a greater danger is the threat that an atomic war would contaminate food and water sources and lead to slow extinction of the human species.

Day-to-day ingestion of "fantastically small amounts" of radioactive poisons in the years from weaning to marriage would cause death before reproduction, he said.

The world must be made to realize, he continued, that this contamination of the earth would spell suicide for the victor as well as the vanquished in any large scale atomic war.

put of steel and coal and all the other products which depend on these basic industries is of critical importance to the whole national living standard, and workers in industry are showing their realization of this in the high and rising production figures which they are achieving. But, at the same time, the fundamental principle of Britain's policy today is that reconstruction is for the benefit of the whole nation. Industrial production is simply a means to an end and the end is the social well-being of the masses of the people in the country. Failure to use national resources directly as well as indirectly for this end would mean the sacrifice of the whole social ideals of Britain. That is why, among the demands of postwar reconstruction, priority is given to this great social service. The Government of Britain realizes that far from being unable to afford this expenditure, it cannot afford not to make it.



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The Story Thus Far

Don Free, private detective, has been retained by alluring Mary Reynolds, to protect her following threats against her to cease going with Jerry Gorton, proprietor of the Sun Club, a cafe society resort. She suspects Ellen Cray as chief rival for Jerry's affection. At police headquarters, Don learns Ellen has no record, but she has been concerned in some crime investigations. Don visited her apartment and was blackjacked by Ellen when about to fight with her bodyguard, Sam. Don came into the deserted apartment, later tells Beth Liner, his secretary, and Harry Sayne, his partner of the Reynolds-Cray feud. He and Harry "case" the Sun Club late that night.

"It's supposed to be over a man," he replied. "Both of 'em like him." He grinned. "Love's swell," he said, "for the agency."

Beth pursed her lips. "If you don't get knocked around too much."

Don stood up and mussed her dark hair. "Business is business," he told her. "I'm going home and get some sleep and a gun."

Her eyes were almost closed. "You'll need both," she replied. "When women start hitting—"

Beth broke off and he chuckled. "It's only an accident when they land," he said.

Her smile was hard. "Look out for the next accident," she cautioned. "That's what I'm being paid for," he declared.

The Sun Club was a three-story house, just off the avenue in the lower Sixties. There were two floors, and two bars. One of the bars, the one on the upper floor, was reached by a narrow corridor. It was at the rear of the gambling room, and had a modernistic decor. The walls were done in copper plates and the indirect lighting was all blue. The bar was small and curved. There were no windows. The room was seldom more than half filled. When Free entered, there was only one, couple inside. It was ten minutes of eleven; he had not seen Harry Sayne on the way up. At the bar he ordered a Scotch and soda.

The bartender said: "You aren't, Haig McHaig, are you?" He didn't look at Free as he said it.

Don said: "Yeah. McHaig."

The bartender, fizzing soda into the yellow stuff, almost murmured: "Jerry said to tell you he and the lady would be in here most of the time."

"Jerry?" Don asked in a rising tone.

The bartender looked up at him. His blue eyes narrowed a little. "Jerry Gorton," he said.

Free said: "Oh, sure," and was sipping the Scotch and soda when Harry Sayne came into the room. They looked at each other without any sign of recognition and, after a few seconds, Sayne turned and went into the narrow corridor. Don watched him go and then turned to the bartender.

"Know that fellow?" he asked.

The bartender shook his head. "I've been here only three nights," he explained. "But I had a hunch on you."

BY RAOUL WHITFIELD

Free grinned. "That fellow looked like an old friend. Think I'll find out."

At the end of the corridor which led to a foyer separating it from the large room that held the dance-floor and tables, Sayne was lighting a cigarette. Free stopped directly behind him and spoke softly: "Gorton's expecting a dick named Haig McHaig. He's from National Agency. Gorton and the Reynolds girl will be in the back bar most of the time. If you spot the Cray girl—tip me."

CHAPTER IV

Harry Sayne yawned and strolled across the foyer. Don Free went back into the blue-lighted room just as a tall, thin man with a scraggly mustache entered. Behind him a musical voice said: "It gives me the shivers. Jerry—let's stay some other place."

The bartender looked past Free and nodded, smiling. A pleasantly deep voice said: "You'll get used to it, dear."

Free finished part of his drink and turned slightly. Gorton was pulling a chair out for Mary Reynolds who looked lovely in a blue evening dress. The club proprietor was medium in size, with dark hair and eyes. He was handsome in a too smooth way. The hair of his head and mustache was perfectly combed, slick. His back was to Free as he sat down; Mary's eyes met Don's. She said: "I don't like blue. I don't think I'll ever get used to this room."

Gorton's voice held an amused note. "Of course you will," he said. "And it's the quietest room in the spot."

The bartender was looking at Free, his eyes narrowed again. A waiter went to Gorton's side and took the order. Don leaned against the bar, sideways. An orchestra was playing on the same floor. Gorton moved his chair nearer Mary and they talked in a low tone, their heads close. The other couple in the room arose and went slowly out the corridor.

The tall, thin man with the scraggly mustache stood a short distance from Free and talked to the bartender about the weather. The waiter served Gorton and Mary Reynolds with two drinks that might have been gin fizzes. Sayne came back in, his eyes meeting Free's. He nodded slightly.

The orchestra music died away, then came into the blue room again. It was a faster tempo this time. Free stood with his back to the bar. From the direction of the floor foyer, the room separating the corridor from the outer room, there came the raised voice of a man:

"Put that gun away—don't be a fool!"

Sayne hurried into the corridor. A woman's voice shrilled words, and a man said sharply: "Stay here—and put that gun away!"

Gorton shoved his chair back and looked towards the corridor. The tall, thin man beside Free was facing the room entrance, his face expressionless. Above the beat of the music Free heard Sayne shout, "Wait—don't go in there—"

The tall thin man started for the corridor. Mary Reynolds was tense in her chair; her eyes held fear. Gorton moved around the table, the fingers of his hands twitching. There was a scuffling sound in the corridor. Don

dropped his right hand toward his right hip pocket as the lights went out. From behind the bar a radio roared up suddenly. Its sound filled the room, drowning all other sound. Don Free whipped a Colt from his right pocket. When the first shot crashed through the radio din he thought he heard Mary Reynolds scream. There was a second shot. The room was black; the corridor lights, out.

The roar of the radio was cut suddenly, and a flashlight beam struck into the room from the corridor. Somewhere back of the flashlight voices sounded. The music stopped. Free straightened and watched the beam of light strike a girl's body on the floor. A voice from the corridor said: "What's the matter with the lights? What's wrong here?"

Jerry Gorton spoke in a hard tone. "Fuse out, or the switch thrown. Put on the lights!"

Harry Sayne came in with the flashlight. Free stood looking down at the body. He slipped the Colt back in his pocket. Gorton called: "Don't let anyone leave the club, Menzies! Turn on the lights!"

Sayne leaned down over the girl's body. "It's Ellen Cray!" exclaimed Gorton.

The lights, blue and dull, were suddenly on. A voice from the corridor said: "Someone threw the switch, here in the corridor."

The tall, thin man standing near the corpse spoke softly. "I'm McHaig, from the National Agency. You people in this room stay here."

The bartender grumbled, and Free saw the white-coated one was looking at him grimly. McHaig went to the corridor and called sharply: "Anders!"

A voice answered, "Right, Mac." McHaig asked, "Anyone get past you?"

The voice replied: "No—I'm on the stairs."

McHaig said: "Stay down there, and don't let anyone go down." He turned and leaned over the body. When he straightened up, he said very quietly: "The girl's dead. One in the head and one near the heart."

Mary Reynolds lowered her head and covered her white face with her palms, shivering. Gorton spoke in a steady voice. "Who shot her—from the corridor—"

Harry Sayne's eyes met Free's. "See anything, Harry?" Don asked. Before Sayne could answer, a voice outside said: "I think I can tell you something. I tried to stop her."

"Come in here," boomed McHaig. "Anders—keep the rest out. Tell Bailey to stick down below and not to let anyone inside or outside."

When the broad-shouldered, red-faced man came in, Free said quietly: "Hello, Sam."

"Hello," said Sam grimly. "You here, too, eh?"

Sam looked down at the body of Ellen Cray as McHaig asked Free: "Who are you?"

"Don Free," was the reply, "and Miss Reynolds is a client of my agency. Her life was threatened and I was here to sort of watch things."

The bartender grumbled, "I thought you were McHaig. You said you were."

"Did I? My middle name's Craig. I must have been thinking of that, heard you wrong, sorry."

McHaig looked at Gorton, then bent over the dead girl again. When he stood up he said: "She got it as she was heading for this room."

Gorton frowned as McHaig broke off and Free asked, "What started that loud radio racket? Who put out the lights?"

Gorton wet his lips with the tip of his tongue, then said: "It's a tough break for the Club. We've got to be quiet. Go out, McHaig, and tell the others a short-circuit made the racket that sounded like shots. Tell them it had something to do with our cooling system. I'll call Ben Risdon and see if the right thing can be done quietly."

Free's eyes were looking beyond the right, outstretched hand of the dead girl. He remarked: "She was coming for Miss Reynolds—there's the gun."

McHaig followed his gaze; went over and picked up the small revolver, using a handkerchief. He remarked, "It's not been fired recently." Then he paused and looked around the room, his eyes on those of each person a few seconds.

Then Free emphasized: "Well, Miss Cray was coming for Miss Reynolds, that's evident unless that pistol was planted."

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Talking about Films.

Enough To Make A Red Blush

By FRED MAJDALANY

Film critics are not paid to have political theories. Your pardon, therefore, for beginning these notes with the suggestion that ridicule is being neglected as a weapon against Communism.

In England, anyway, Trabb's Boy with always be a better deterrent than police measures.

Why do I choose this moment to bring this up? The thing happens to be done perfectly in an eight-year-old film called *Ninotchka*, made by Lubitsch, graced by Greta Garbo, and now revived.

Its mockery of the Comrades is extremely witty and wildly funny, which are not the same thing. It is the best film currently on view.

Air Device

The invention of the flying machine has had two main consequences. It has caused the human species a great deal of misery. It has given writers a convenient device for throwing a dozen assorted characters together and seeing what happens.

In *Broken Journey* and author Robert Westerby brings an airliner down in the Alps and invites us to see how the occupants behave during the three days before they are rescued.

The result is a well-directed, exciting, and pretty melodrama. But I quarrel with Mr. Westerby's passenger list and most of what they do.

I didn't think the Italian opera star (Francis L. Sullivan) would have behaved so ludicrously; or the pilot (Guy Rolfe) so casually; or the Pole (Gerard Heinz) so oddly; or the actress (Margot Graham) so stupidly.

Stock Acting

All experience shows that common danger is about the one thing that brings people together; and personal reactions to danger are not easily predictable.

Mr. Westerby's passengers couldn't be more acrimonious in the face of death—and nearly all of them seemed stock acting parts clearly labelled Comic Relief, etc., and all behaved strictly to type.

I except Raymond Huntley's admirable "typical Englishman," and Phyllis Calvert's air hostess, Miss Calvert, who has often been miscast, is exactly right. Henceforth I shall always think of her in a blue uniform, bring bad coffee from the back of the plane, and briskly parrying the smiles of elderly male travellers as she fixes their safety belts.

The Alpine photography is superb—

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Maj. General F. R. G. Matthews, now commandant of Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst. (26.4.48).
2. Cathedral Square in Milan. (27.4.48).
3. Syria, the Lebanon, Transjordan. (28.4.48).
4. Under the amendment physicians will pledge not to participate in criminal experiments with human beings, as done by German doctors during World War II. (28.4.48).
5. It was composed of free grants from His Majesty's Government, plus grants for rehabilitation of the University and airport. (22.4.48).
6. France, Italy, Austria, Holland, Norway, Denmark. (29.4.48).
7. John Platt-Mills (M.P.) was expelled from the Labour Party for his part in the recent Nenu incident (30.4.48).

but then it would be quite a feat to aim a camera at an Alp and not produce something lovely.

No Orchids

Until this week it seemed improbable that anything would turn up to challenge "Idol of Paris"—the recent dustbitch epic of Maurice Ostrer and R. J. Minney—as Worst Picture of the Year.

But it has. It is James Hadley Chase's *No Orchids for Miss Blandish*—an English picture pretending to be about American gangsters.

Some of my more sensitive colleagues left the cinema muttering words like "outrage" and "monstrous." They protest too much. It isn't nearly as important as that.

Admittedly it lowers the assumed mental age of the audience from the usual ten or 11 to about six.

Admittedly the American accents of the English cast are like nothing ever heard in English or America.

Admittedly it shares Mr. Chase's childlike belief that calling people Slim and Eddie immediately turns them into Americans.

And, of course, everyone gets beaten up all the time—but I just can't be bothered to trot out my standard sermon on violence-for-its-own-sake, which now bores me even more than it must bore you.

The picture isn't worth it. It is merely bad, bogus, and boring, and anything else you can think of beginning with b.

For Partition

On the whole I prefer my Gospel, the way Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John wrote it to a 20th Century-Fox sidelight on the same subject called *The Great Commandment*.

This is a characteristically Hollywood idea of life in Judea in the time of Christ.

Nice young American college types set up as Zealots (the Irgun of the day), alternating between juvenile love and resistance to the Romans; hosts of Brooklyn characters in Palestinian fancy dress; a junior miss called Tamar; a lot of fighting and yelling.

This hardly seems the right occasion for bringing in the voice of Jesus, enacting a couple of the miracles, and reducing the Sermon on the Mount to a single "panning" shot.

I recommend this film for partition. Up the middle.

The war inspired many important pictures and a few great ones. The peace, although it has been shuddering along for three years, has so far produced none that matters.

You can dismiss, for a start, all those fables in which Alan Ladd melodramatically underwent the ordeal of demobilisation.

The English film "Frieda" debated the idea of an R.A.F. man bringing home a German bride—but was as polite about it as a suburban discussion circle in which the tea and buns are the thing.

The Italian "To Live in Peace" and "Shoeshine" were war rather than post-war.

Sam Goldwyn's fabulous "The Best Years of Our Lives" is a great-hearted, endearing, delightful entertainment. But in the last resort it is just a large topical Cinderella—determined to get everybody to the ball, though it purports to reflect a period in which nobody (except, perhaps, the Ugly Sisters) seems to get there.

It has been left to defeated Germany to come along with the only film of major proportions that has so far emerged from the aftermath of war.

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The Murderers are Amongst Us is the artistic descendant of the great Ufa films of 20 years ago and the spiritual descendant of "All Quiet on the Western Front."

It is Germanic in the extreme. It is laden with neurosis and disillusion and the physical horror of shattered Berlin. It is very bitter. But as a study of broken human beings in whom hope is trying to break through despair it achieves the nobility of tragedy.

The chief characters (all finely acted) are a young doctor (Ernst Fischer), the girl (Hildegard Knef) who shares his cellar and eventually saves him from despair, and a bourgeois middle-aged manufacturer, cheerful and thoroughly contented, who, the film suggests, is the real villain of the German tragedy.

It is this chubby little family man, at home with the Occupation authorities and happily making money again, who, in the war, massacred women and children without turning a hair.

The climax, in which the doctor redeems himself and the manufacturer expiates his war crimes, is as dramatic as anything the screen has offered us for many months.

Besides being an artistic and dramatic triumph, this film, by its honesty and truthfulness, makes the most moving plea to date for justice for the defeated.

Current Shows

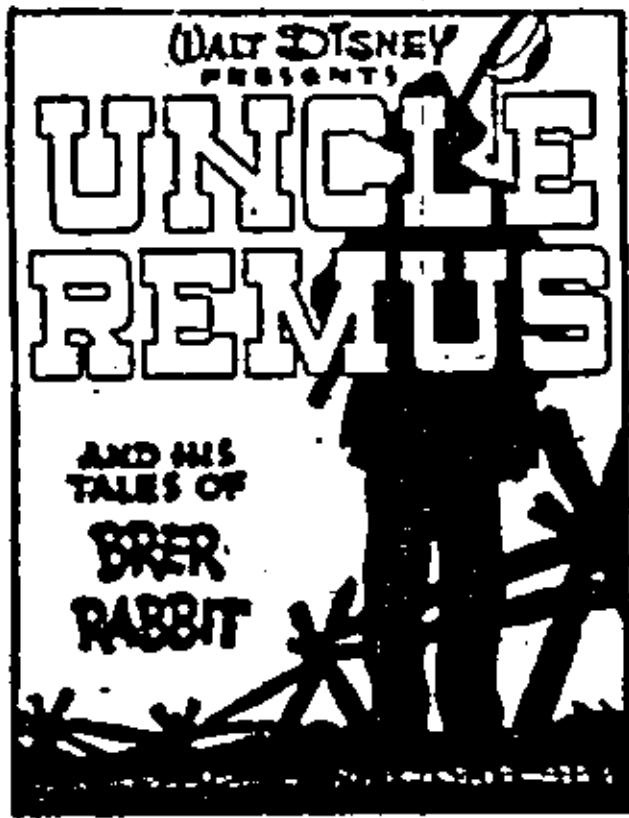
KING'S—"The Exile." With Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., Maria Montez, and Paule Croset.

QUEEN'S AND ALHAMBRA—"Good News." With June Allyson and Peter Lawford.

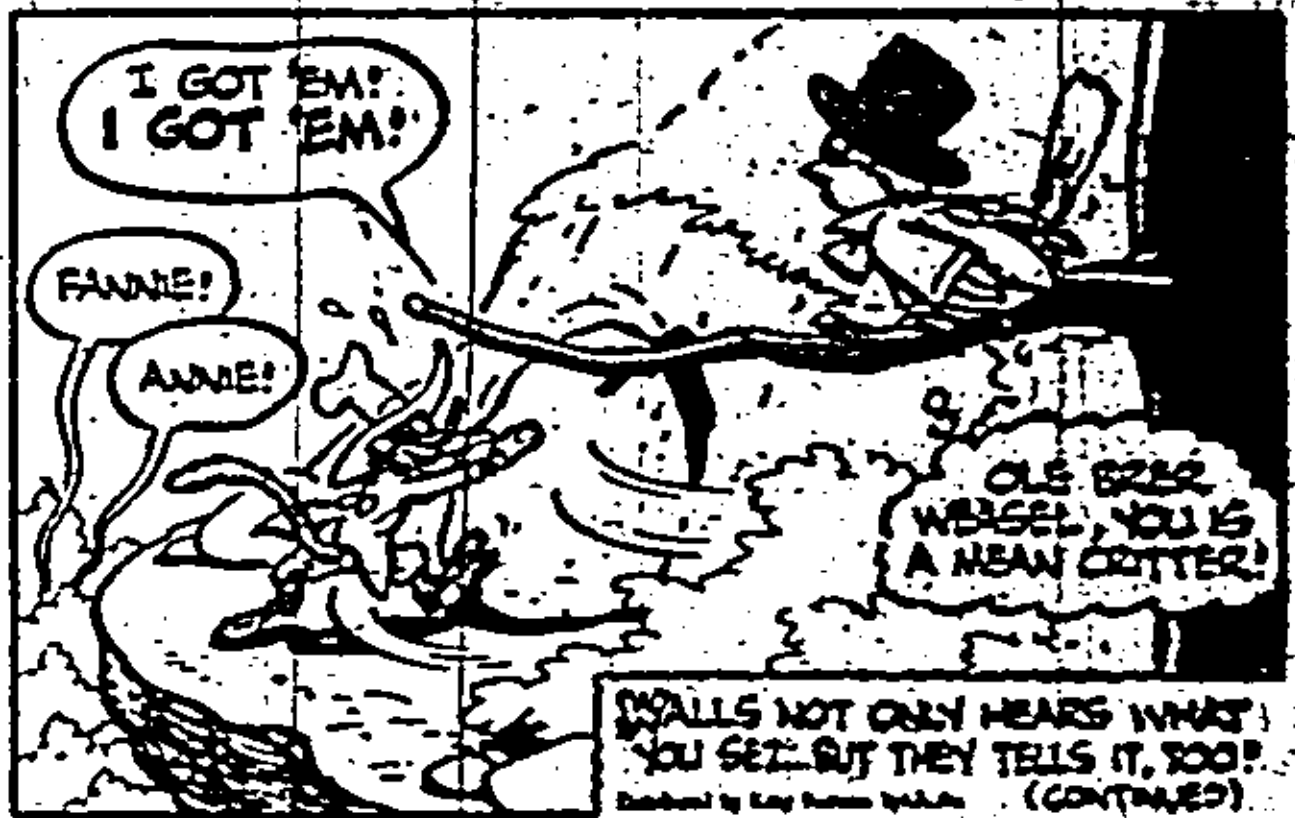
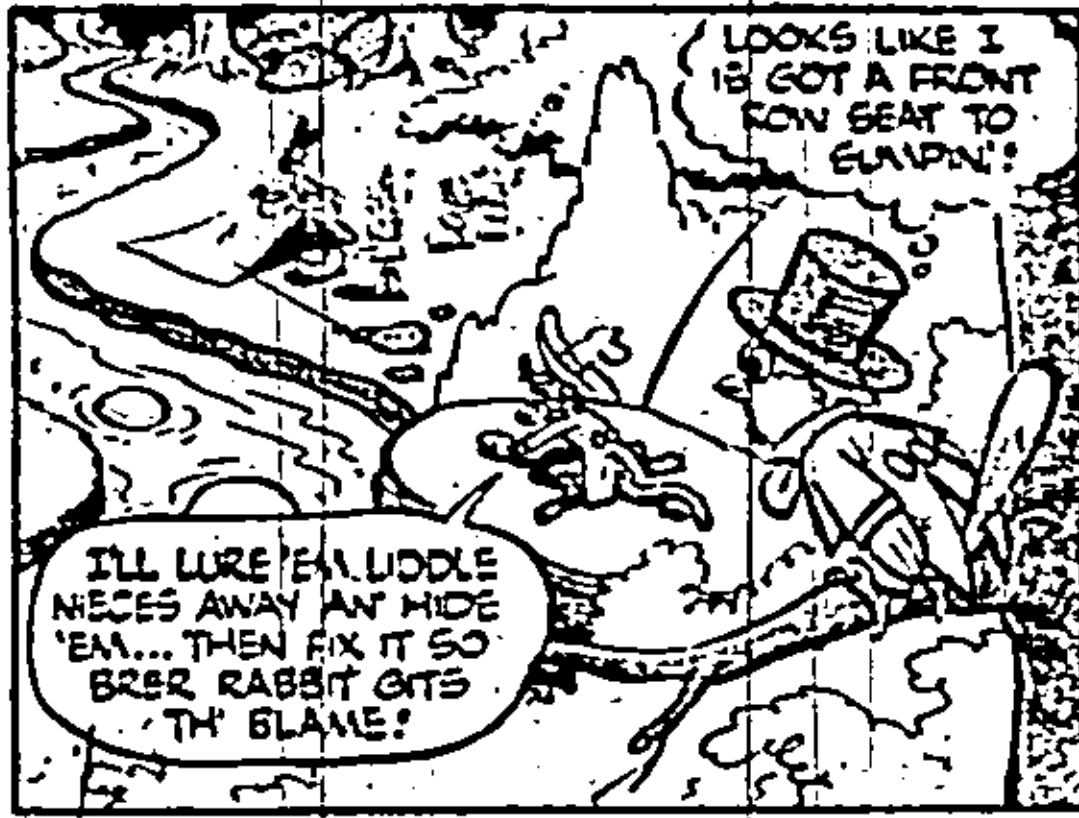
CATHAY—"Mother Wore Tights." With Betty Grable and Dan Dailey.

STAR—"Waterloo Bridge." With Robert Taylor and Vivien Leigh.

LEE—"Frisco Kid." With James Cagney in the leading role.



BRER RABBIT IS MAKIN' TIME WITH MOLLY AN' HER NIECES... BUT BRER WEASEL AIN'T LOSIN' ANY, HISSELF.

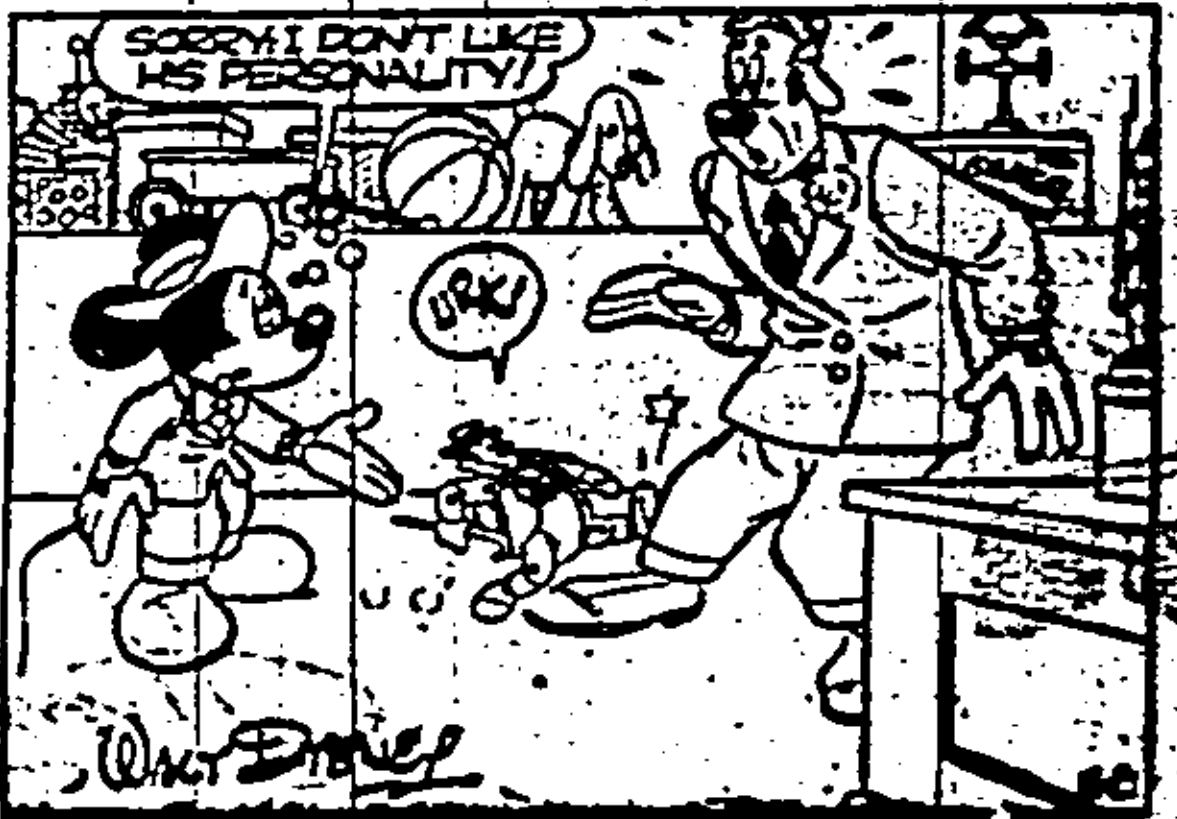
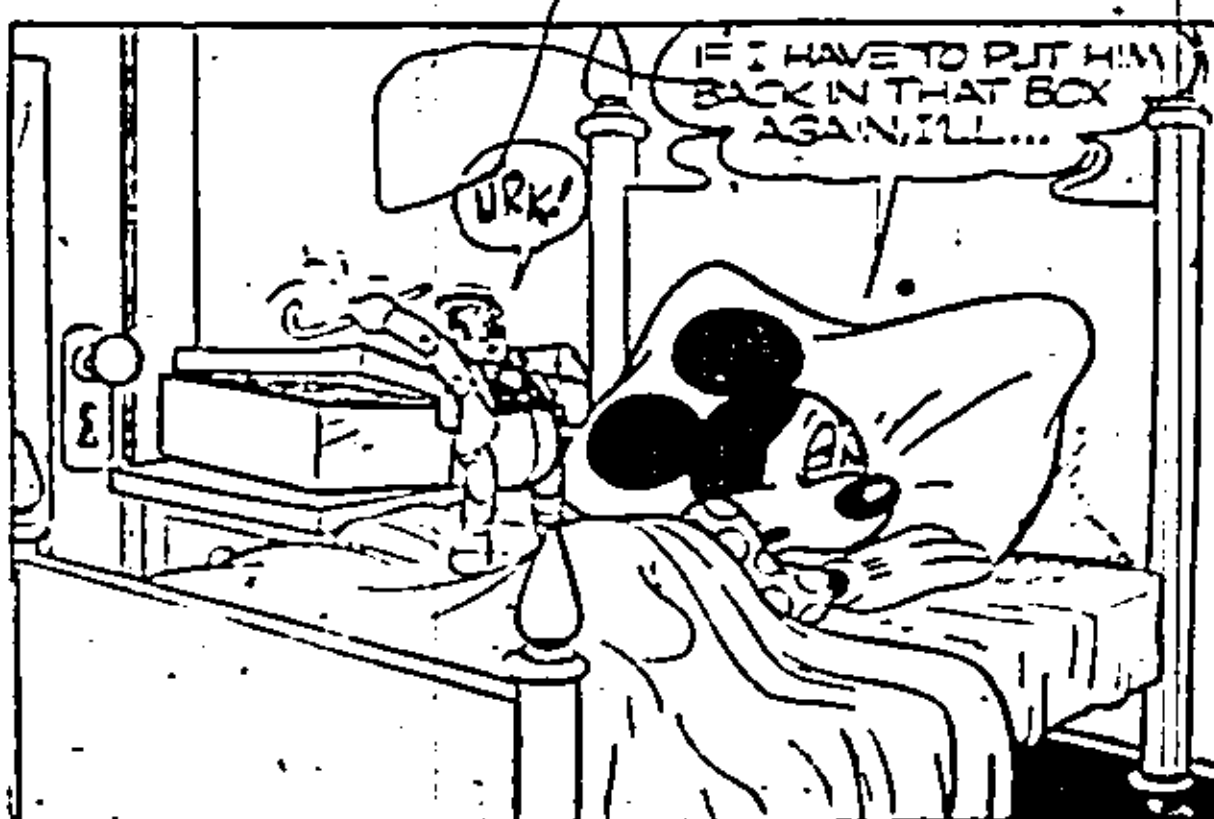
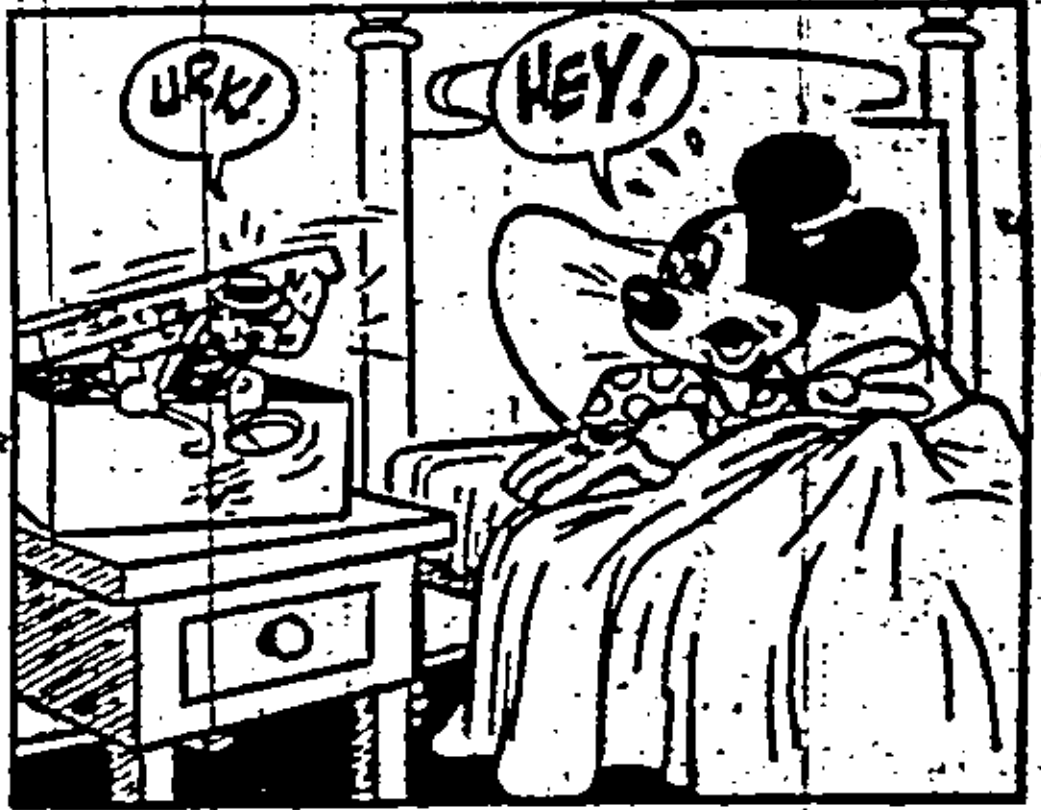
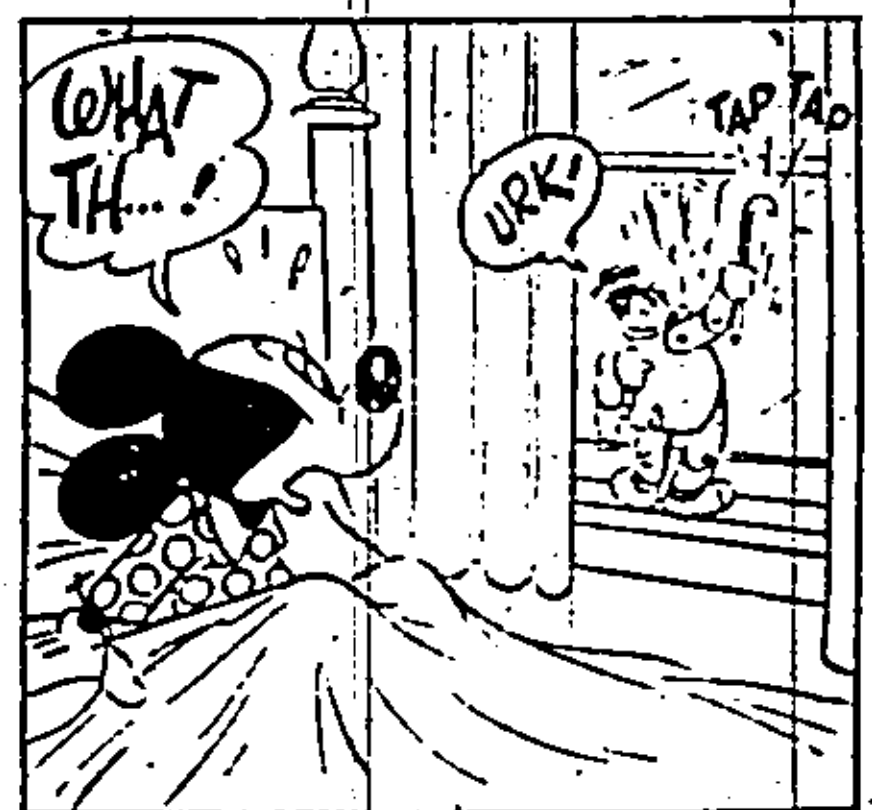
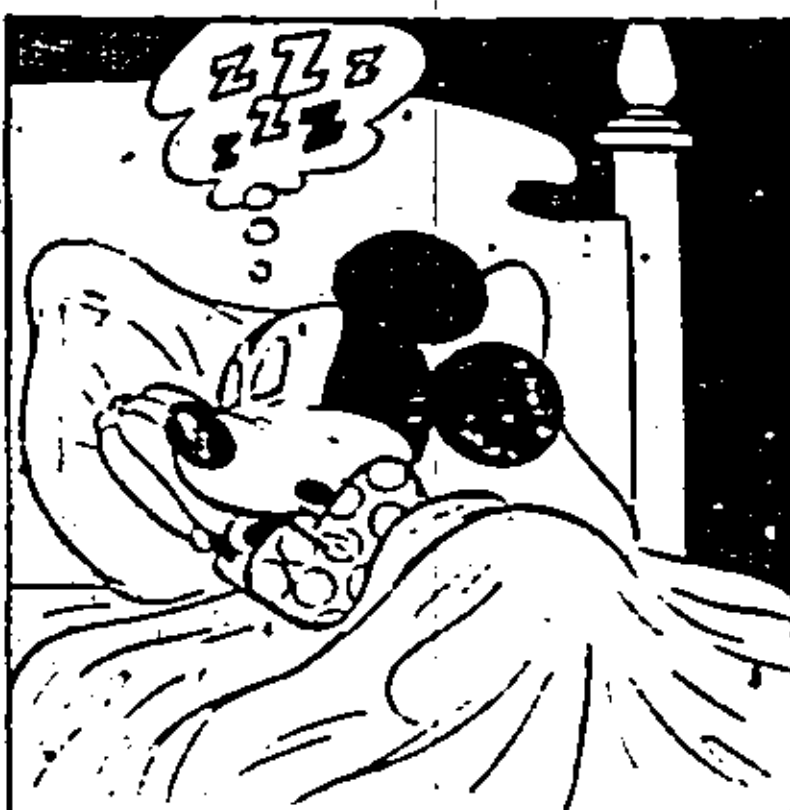
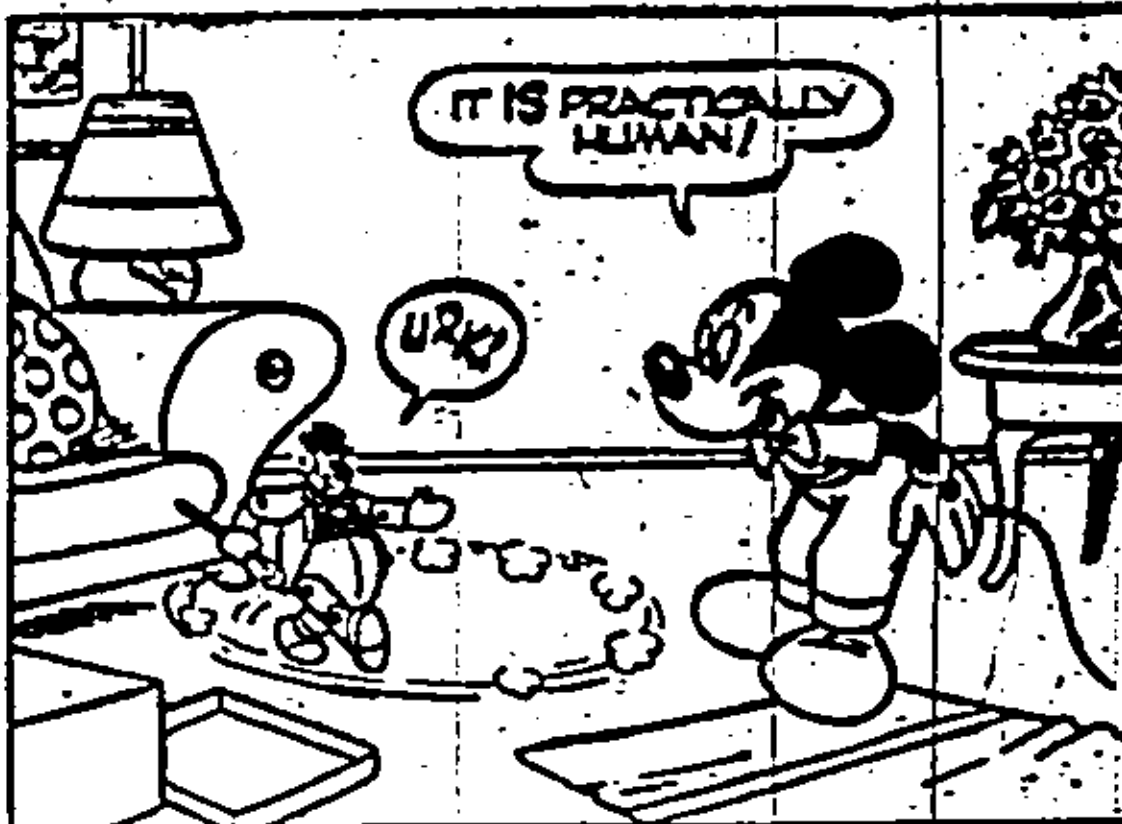
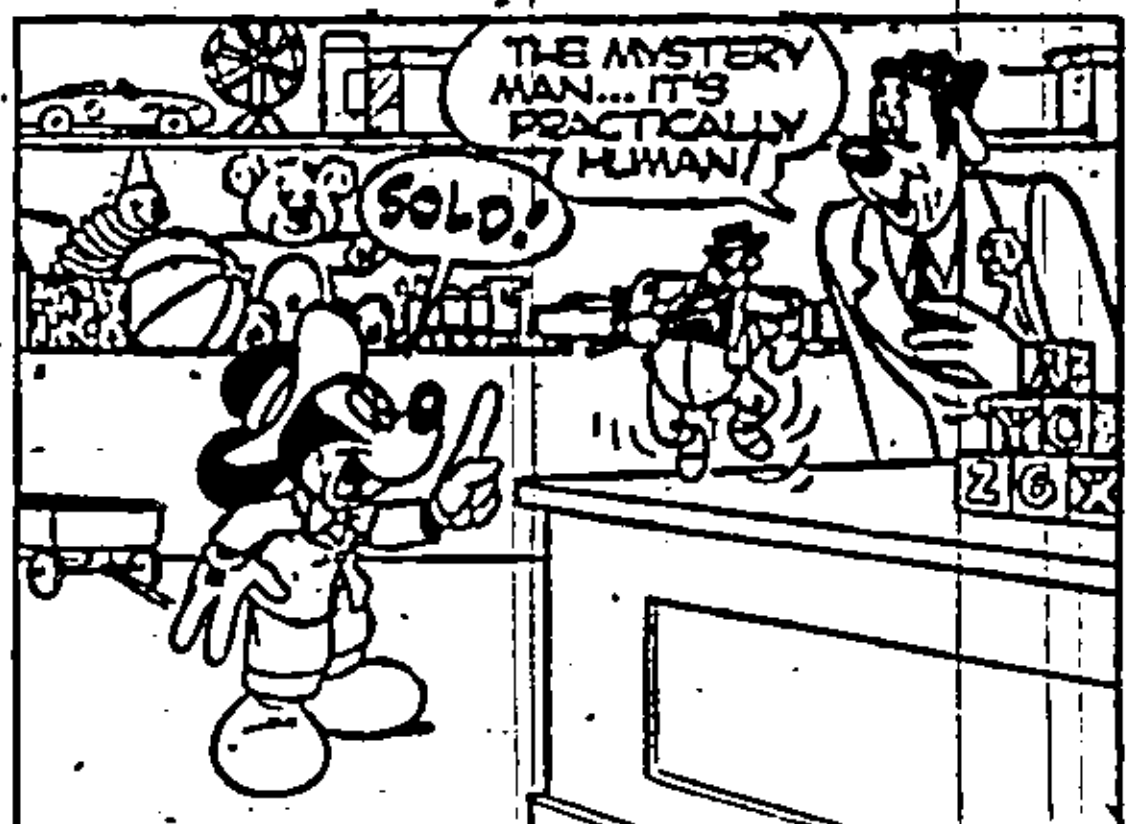
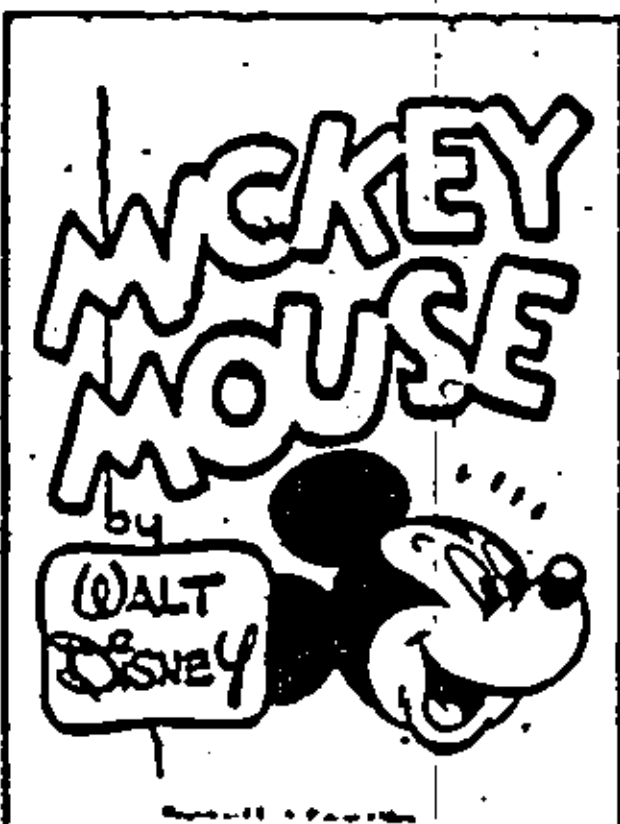


MERRY MOMENTS:

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Photographer: Mine is a developing business and mounting rapidly.

Parson: To conclude, ladies and gentlemen, the preacher for next Sunday will be found tacked on the church door.

Husband: "Well, my dear, I have carried you safely over all the rough places of life, haven't I?"
Wife: "Yes, and I don't think you missed any of them."



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JERUSALEM UNDER BRITISH MANDATE 1918-1948

Preservation Of The Old City And Planning Of The New

By Sir William McLean, K.B.E.,
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In the Foreword to a recently published book on the Jerusalem City Plan, by Henry Kendall, Government Town Planner in Palestine, the High Commissioner, General Sir Alan Cunningham wrote:—

"The City of Jerusalem, precious as an emblem of several faiths, a site of spiritual beauty lovingly preserved over the ages by many men's hands, has been in our care as a sacred trust for 30 years. In these pages will be found an important part of the story of the discharge of that trust of the efforts made to conserve the old while adding the new in keeping with it, of the process of marrying modern progress with treasured antiquity."

This is a remarkable book of interest to the general reader as well as to the specialist, and Mr. Kendall is to be congratulated on his adequate record of a great work successfully accomplished by Great Britain as Mandatory Power from 1918 to 1948. His Majesty's Stationery Office has produced a beautiful volume worthy of the main aspect of which is the preservation of the Old City and the Holy Places in its environs.

The story opens with an account of what is called the 1918 Plan which is the scheme the writer of this article had the honour to prepare for General Allenby soon after the occupation of Jerusalem in the first World War; he has been able to keep in touch with its progress throughout the year. This scheme is of interest as it laid down the principles which have been followed in all subsequent developments. It is thus recorded in Chapter II:

Control Decision

"The enemy was still on the Nablus-Jordan valley line astride the centre of Palestine when Allenby asked the then City Engineer, Alexandria, Mr. (now Sir William) McLean to come to Jerusalem and report and advise upon what measures should be taken to institute the necessary control of building operations and town development, keeping in view the architectural traditions of Jerusalem and the importance of preserving its historic monuments. Mr. McLean arrived in due course and although seriously handicapped by the lack of basic topographical maps, proceeded to prepare a draft scheme for the preservation of the Old City and the development of its environs. The absence of survey maps must have presented enormous difficulties, since the ground on which modern Jerusalem is built is undulating and is interspersed by valleys and isolated spurs and ridges some of which rise to a height of some fifty metres above the lowest point of the region. At his suggestion a proclamation was issued by the Military Governor in 1918 requiring that no person should demolish, erect, alter or repair the structure of any building in the city or its environs within the radius of 2,500 metres of the Damascus Gate until he had obtained a written permit from the authorities, the penalty for contravention being a fine not exceeding £200. Buildings within this circle were permitted subject to certain restrictive conditions."

"The scheme in its final form was approved by the Commander-in-Chief (General Allenby) on the 22nd July, 1918. The plan of the scheme bears the signatures and official seals of the

Military Governor of Jerusalem and the then Mayor of Jerusalem. The author of the scheme in an explanatory note, remarks that it was designed to preserve the mediaeval aspect of the old city and to surround it by a belt of land which should remain in its natural state as far as was practical at the time. Further, any structures which might be erected within a belt situated beyond this area should be in harmony and in scale with the Old City. The scheme which is known as the 1918 scheme has four zones:

Four Zones

I. "The Old City within the walls. Mediaeval aspect to be preserved; new buildings to be permitted only under special conditions.

II. Areas immediately abutting on the city walls. No new building to be permitted and the locality to be eventually cleared of undesirable buildings and left in its natural state.

III. "An area principally to the north and east of the Old City. Buildings may be erected only with special approval and under special conditions rendering them in harmony with the general scheme.

IV. "An area to the north and west of the old city. This is the region planned for future development. The 1918 plan indicates the alignment of future roads and open spaces and suggests improvement to existing roads and tracks."

"It will be noted that the second zone covers the Kidron Valley, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Pool of Siloam, Mount Zion and the Valley of Hinnom. The third zone includes the Mount of Olives and the village of Bethany.

"It was largely due to the firm attitude taken by Government with regard to the prevention of building in the Mount of Olives region that Jerusalem during the last thirty years has tended to expand to the west and south-west. To those who know the ground on which the new suburbs of Jerusalem are built it may seem obvious that expansion in these directions was dictated principally by topography, but it cannot be doubted that the first forceful steps taken by the British authorities had a great deal to do with the direction of this development.

"From 1918 onwards, preservation schemes prepared for the Old City and its immediate neighbourhood have been largely influenced by the McLean plan. Reference to the special provisions of the 1944 scheme with regard to this area will bear this out. Most of the regulations of the 1918 plan have been maintained within the Old City itself, although the restricted building belt around the City Walls during the course of the years following the promulgation of the scheme has shrunk in size. It is presumed that this shrinking was due to force of circumstances and to the general lack of funds for the purchase of land on which it was

intended that building should be permanently prohibited. Mention must also be made of the fact that the actual boundaries of this area which came to be known as the nature reserve area have been considerably modified with the passage of time, but the 1944 scheme proves beyond question that Government have throughout retained the idea of the preservation of the Mount of Olives by its inclusion in that scheme as a nature reserve with very restrictive building conditions."

New Plans

Reference is made in the book to subsequent plans dealing with developments in the application of the principles laid down, all of which culminated in the comprehensive 1944 scheme prepared by Mr. Kendall; it shows the present position of town planning control in Jerusalem. (Chapter V). It is seen that "the old restrictions regarding the repair and erection of buildings within the City Walls which formed the basis of the Allenby building proclamation in 1918 have been reinserted in the scheme with amendments and additions." It is largely due to the collaboration of the Director of

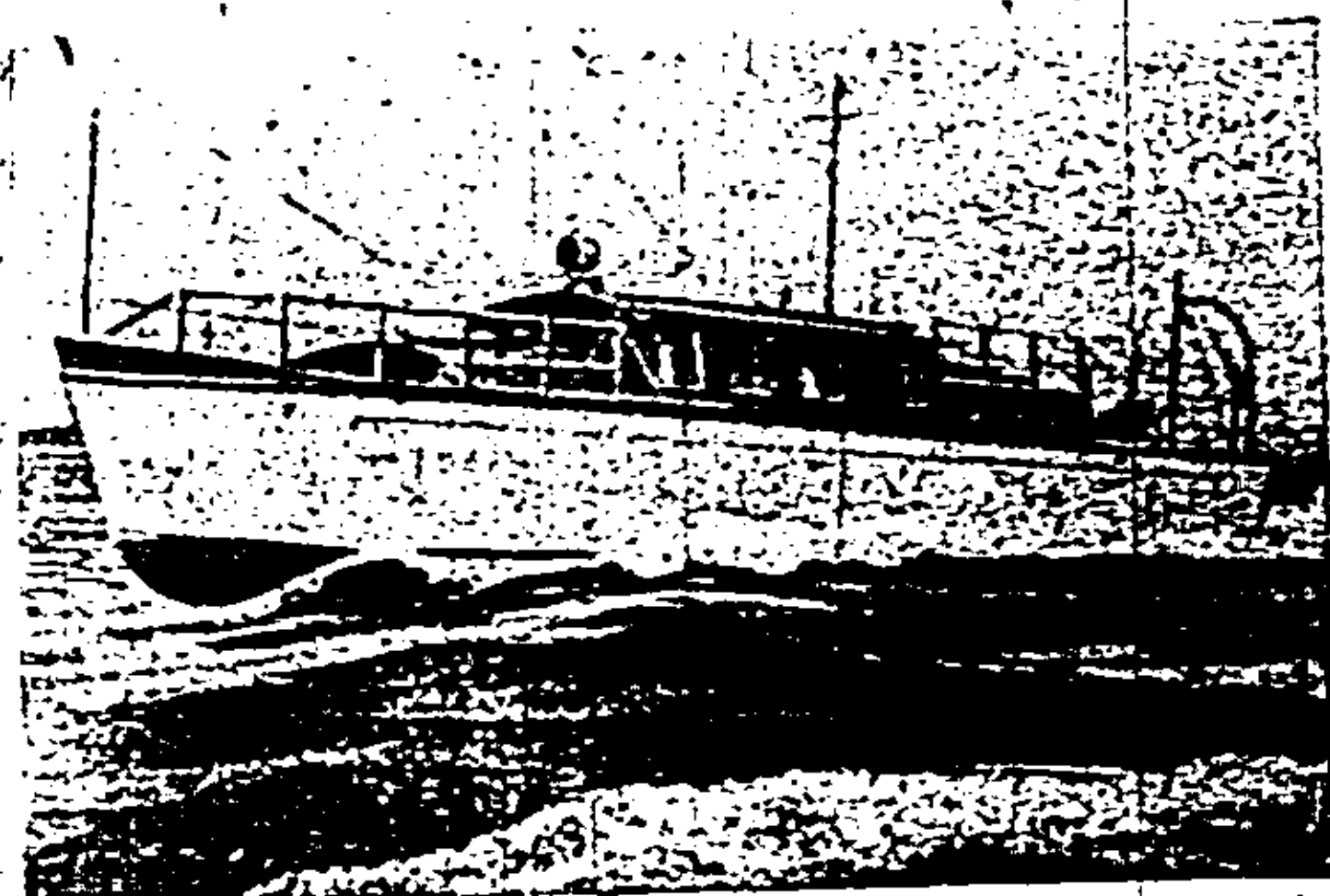
Antiquities, the Government Town Planner and the local authority that the character of the Old City and its environs has been preserved.

In the final Chapters dealing with administration and law regarding planning and building it will be seen that such work in Palestine is well abreast of the legislation, machinery and practice in Great Britain. Further, it can be claimed that the zoning and control measures protecting the Old City from modern encroachments have always been well in advance of anything attempted in practice elsewhere.

The Administration is to be congratulated on having, since 1918, been able to maintain a somewhat bold system of town planning control with results which visitors to Jerusalem have admired, but few people realised that it is not the result of chance but a deep interest and devotion over many years by officials of all ranks which can seldom have been equalled in the public service and to which Sir Alan Cunningham pays tribute, adding the hope that "the accomplishments and labours of the years covered in this book may be considered worthy to act as an inspiration and an example to the future generations in whose care our Holy City must rest."

The book is well illustrated with over 250 drawings and photographs of places of world wide interest, and the coloured drawings of the City Gates are of great beauty. The Volume has been produced with loving care and is a record of which Great Britain as Mandatory Power may well be proud.

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"Among all classes Dr. Edith Summerkill has become practically an unending topic of conversation."—From a Profile.

Scene: The Cup Final at Wembley.

1st Football Enthusiast (absent-mindedly waiting a rattle): I wonder what the unending topic of conversation, dainty little Dr. Edith Summerkill, is doing now, Bill? Thinking up some wholesome new intake of calories for us workers, I shouldn't wonder.

2nd Football Enthusiast: Ah, she is a great one for scientific nutriment, is our Edith! Keep it under your hat, George, but they say the Cooperative Movement is going to elect her Miss Mock Beef Hash, 1948, as some slight token of its love and esteem.

1st Football Enthusiast: Oh, I am glad, Bill! Honestly, I couldn't be more pleased if I were to win a football pool!

3rd Football Enthusiast (suddenly throwing his hat on the ground and stamping on it): Hi! Did you see that, chums? Our hated rivals have scored!

1st Football Enthusiast (haughtily): For shame, Alfred! Where are your manners? Interrupting us like that when we are discussing higher things!

3rd Football Enthusiast (blushing furiously): Forgive me, chums. I fear I was carried away in the excitement of the moment.

An official runs on to the ground and hands the referee a telegram. He immediately blows his whistle and motions the players to gather round him.

Referee: I've called you together, men, because I have just received some important news. Dr. Edith Summerkill has had a tense battle of wits with Sir Waldron Smithers in the House over some rotten turnips. I am thankful to say that she answered him very perty.

Bits From Terrible Books

"Miss Norgbutt-Mabel," said the good-looking young cotton operative, a note of enthusiasm coming into his vibrant voice as he indicated his machine with a well-bred hand. "Have you every seen anything so perfect as that revolving, fast carding engine? Not only does it convert the thick sheet of cotton from the scutcher lap into fibres, known as sliver, but the liker-in automatically declines all coarse yarns!"

"Oh, I'm so glad!" murmured the beautiful young mill-girl, flushing prettily. "I hate vulgarity!"

His strong arm encircled her waist and he drew her, unresisting, towards him.

"Tell me more, Eric," she whispered, resting her little chin on his shoulder. "Is it true that the taker-in roller is composed of a series of fine-toothed circular saws mounted side by side on a real steel shaft? I can scarcely bring myself to believe it."

"Yes, it is the solemn truth, darling," he answered, stooping down and kissing her sweet face. "What is more, the bottom rollers are case-hardened and longitudinally fluted! They are positively driven by gearing! Will you marry me and make me the happiest trainee in all England?"

"I will, Eric!" she cried gaily. "But only on condition that you teach me to remove the many impurities which are gathered up by the doffer comb and the two-blade beaters! For I, too, have become absorbed in machinery!"

A sudden loud blast of a whistle brought them back to reality with a start. The day's work was over and the mills were closing for the night. Hand in hand they joined the other workers who already were rushing for the main gates—two surprised young people from another world who had little expected to find Romance in the busy purlieus of Cotton.

(From "Dressed Into Industry," Apple Press, 2s. 6d.).

NEWS QUIZ

1. A new G.O.C. Hong Kong has been appointed to succeed Major General G. W. E. J. Erskine. Who is the new G.O.C.?

2. Post-election riots have already broken out in Italy. What major Italian city had a serious clash between Communists and civilians this week?

3. A pact was signed this week between three countries who have declared war on "Zionism", otherwise against the Jews claiming Palestine. What countries are they?

4. A change is contemplated in the Hippocratic Oath, taken by all doctors of medicine, which has not been altered for 2,000 years. What amendment is planned?

5. The Hongkong Government this week got a windfall of £11,750,000. Where did it come from?

6. Six countries have formally qualified for assistance under the Marshall Plan for European recovery, the Economic Cooperation Administrator announced this week. What countries are they?

7. What happened to Mr. John Platt-Mills this week?

(Answers in Page Two)

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. What is the name given to aspiring young Boy Scouts and Girl Guides before they are old enough to join the regular troop?

2. "An act of God" is a phrase beloved of insurance people, lawyers and such. In law, what constitutes an "act of God"?

3. We may pride ourselves on our aggressive modernity, but traces of old beliefs still linger, even in science. What measurement of our present-day calendar is calculated from the time it takes the moon to circle the earth?

4. In Germany he is the burgomaster, in Scotland he is the provost—what is he called in the United States and other countries?

5. For Historians: What is the oldest race of people to believe in one God?

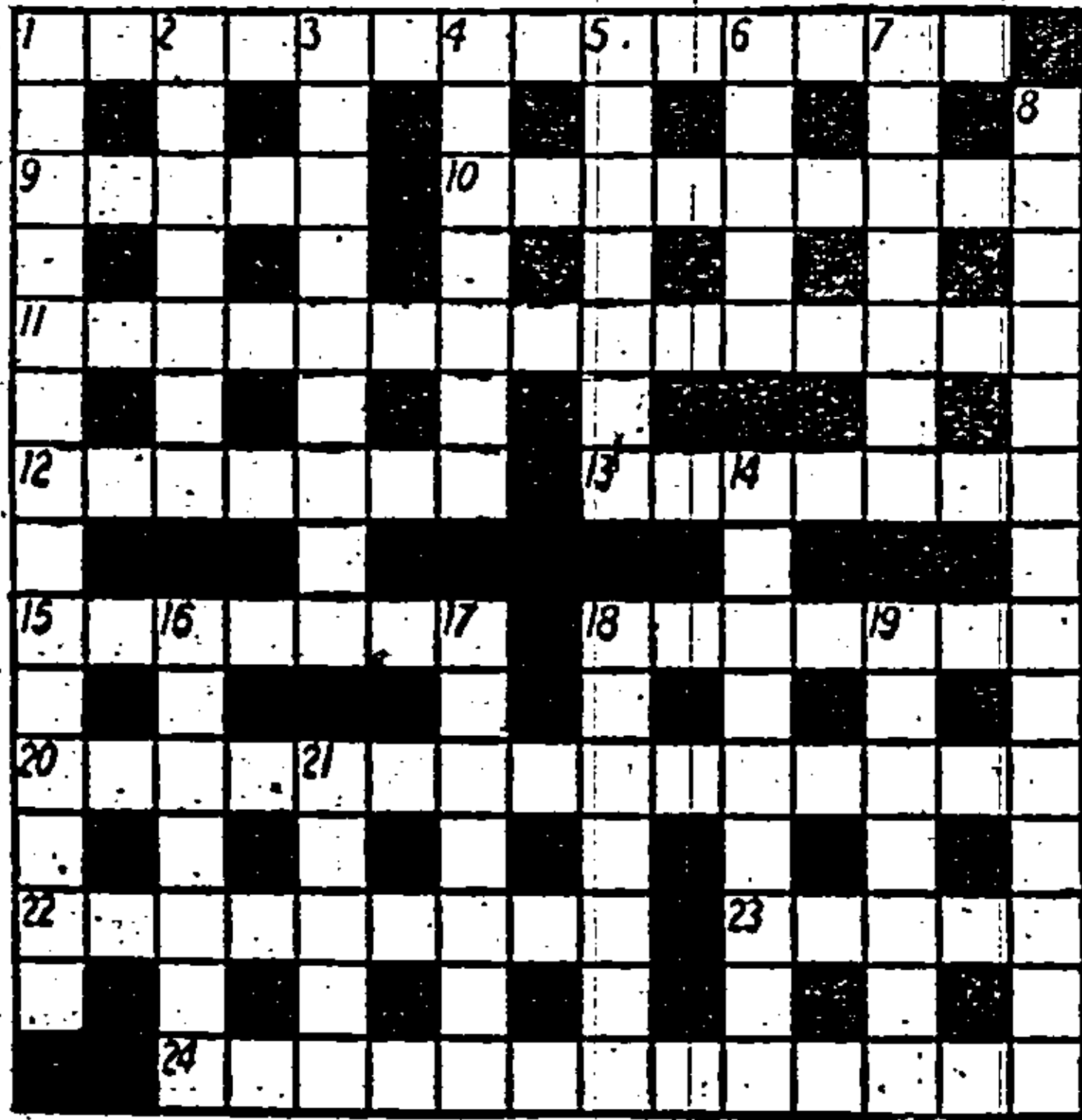
6. The Merry Monarch, Henry VIII, certainly enjoyed life to the full. For one of his six wives, however, he was willing to split with the all-powerful Catholic Church. Which wife was it?

7. In the land of proverbs, what would wishes have to be for beggars to ride?

8. Talking of rain (who isn't?), how much water is there in "an inch of rain"?

(Answers in Page Four)

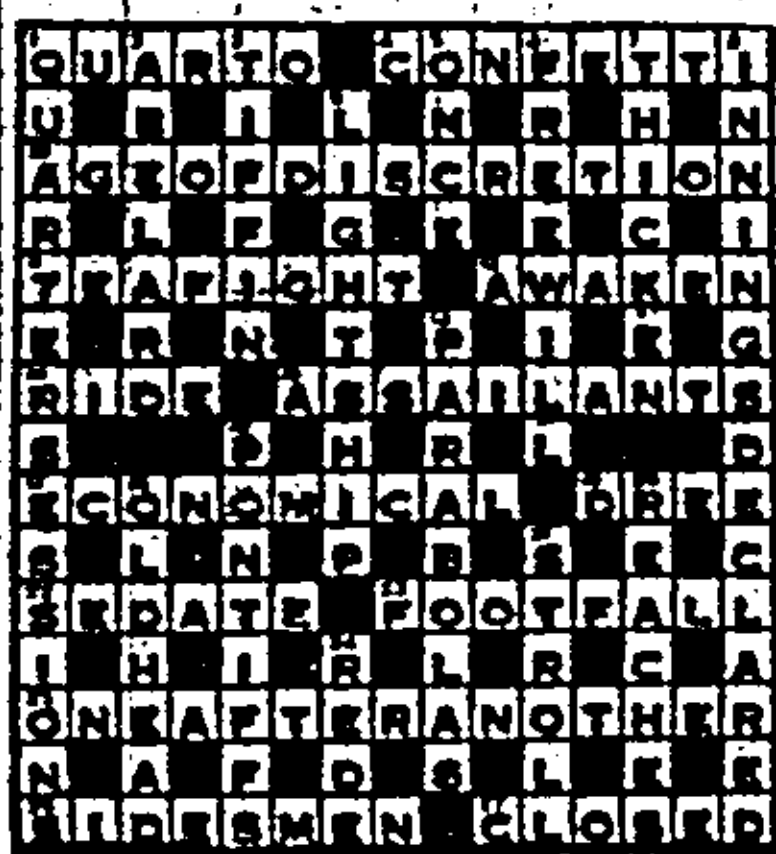
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ACROSS

- 1 Maxim of Chelsea idealist. (3, 3, 4, 4)
- 9 It's charitable to give its benefit. (5)
- 10 His speech is never straightforward. (9)
- 11 Vicarious gifts today. (6, 9)
- 12 Fair Ellen's intended, according to Scot. (7)

SOLUTION OF NO. 53



- 13 Sir Turk. (7)
- 15 A Tibetan priest swallows 45 ins. (8)
- 18 Vocational summons. (7)
- 20 Plain pre-war military display. (9, 8)
- 22 A bit astern? (9)
- 23 It's obviously simple to take the waster back. (5)
- 24 Deafriended. (1, 6, 2, 4)

DOWN

- 1 The faultless painter. (8, 3, 5)
- 2 Quantities of the Hay Diet. (7)
- 3 Where the player often is when he tries. (2, 3, 4)
- 4 Usually, with the cash. (7)
- 5 Remodelled fur felt. (7)
- 6 His should be lasting work—though he might be a dramatist. (5)
- 7 Anna's husband. (7)
- 8 Ready for retiring—or arising. (8, 6)
- 14 Egyptian earthwork is their speciality. (9)
- 16 Created an army in the island. (7)
- 17 What the Mikado intended to do to a sublime subject. (7)
- 18 Anchorage, as it were, which Alice saw disembodied. (8)
- 19 Weave from wine tin. (7)
- 21 Son-in-law of the latest English Saint. (5)

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BRIDGE

Question 5.—West. One Diamond; North, Double; East, Pass, What should South say, holding:

S K J 4 D J 9 7 2
H K 10 3 C 9 7 2

Answer.—One Heart, leaving to North the bid of One Spade. South's holding in Diamonds does not justify One No-trump.

Question 6.—West. One Club; North, Double; East, Pass. What should South say, holding:

S A 8 3 2 D J 10 8 6
H Q 10 9 4 C 8

Answer.—One Diamond, as it is an advantage for North to choose the major suit.

Question 7.—West. One Spade; North, Pass. What should East say, holding:

S 8 D A Q 10 3
H J 10 8 C 10 9 8 4 2

Answer.—One No-trump. This negative response suggests a change of suit bid. The responder need only have a singleton in the bid suit for this response.

Question 8.—West. One Diamond; North, Double; East, Two Clubs. What should South say, holding:

S Q J 10 9 D Q 10 5
H K 9 7 6 3 C 8

Answer.—Two Spades. This "anticipation" bid avoids "reversing" when Hearts are bid on the next round.

Question 9.—What should West, the dealer, say on:

S Q 10 9 4 D A J 2
H K Q 9 C Q 9 4

Answer.—One Diamond. A "prepared" bid in a three-card minor suit should preferably not be shaded below Q, J, x. A bid in Diamonds is then better here: though the standard suit for a prepared bid is Clubs. It is easier to stop in a part score after starting low.

Question 10.—What should West, the dealer, say on:

S A J 10 8 2 D none
H Q 5 4 C A J 10 7 6

Answer.—One Club. With a Spades-Clubs two-suiter, better reverse the normal procedure and bid the lower-ranking suit first. There is, too, the reason that Clubs is the suit below the Void.



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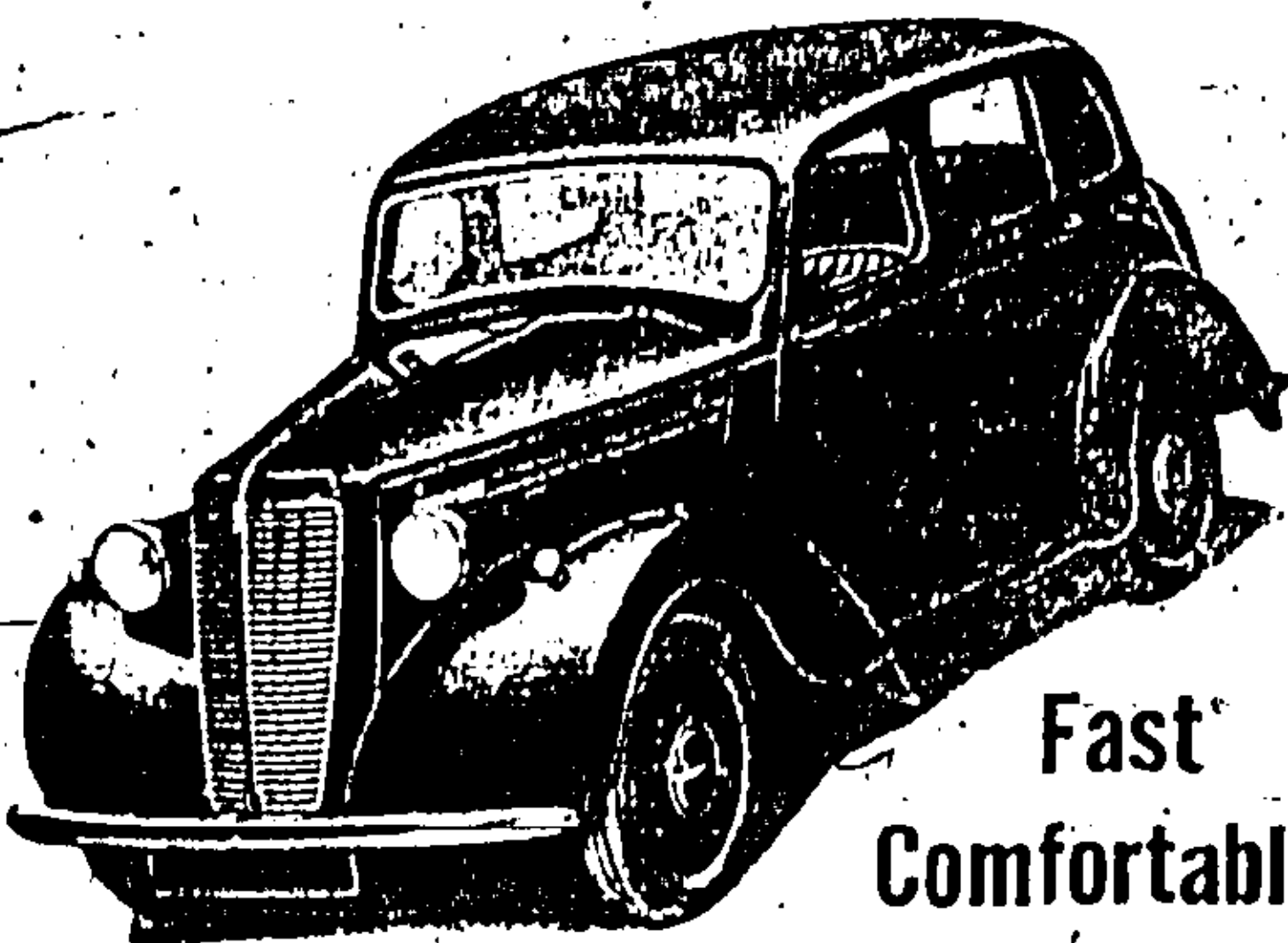
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Behind The Political Scene

THE GREAT ROOSEVELT MYSTERY

The day I landed in New York was the third anniversary of Mr. Roosevelt's death.

This event was not over-publicized in the columns of the American Press, which devoted only modest space to accounts of the state-unveiling ceremony in Grosvenor Square and of the brief commemoration, which was observed at Hyde Park, the Hudson River home and last resting place of the late President.

The fact is that the Roosevelt legend has grown in force abroad, where it was, perhaps, always strongest, while it has receded in the United States.

Mr. Roosevelt's personality never received at home the uncritical adulation which it secured, and still secures, in Europe and particularly in Britain. In millions of his fellow-countrymen he inspired hatred rather than affection, though it was a hatred mixed with a definite respect for his stature, which was in every sense many cubits above that of other Presidents of the 20th century.

A Lasting Mark

In the early days of his office, during the first term, that hatred came almost exclusively from the business community which deeply resented the Government's interference initiated by the New Deal in its attempt to steer America through the depression.

It is not the least of the Roosevelt paradoxes that today, when all the social legislation which grew up during those years has come to be accepted without demur by the Republicans, some of whom, like Mr. Stassen, are now prepared to go even further forward as social reformers. It is certain that Mr. Roosevelt has left a lasting mark on his country, which will long be grateful to him for the steps which he took side-stepping the dangerous delays with which they might otherwise have been met.

But his record as a great statesman, and as a supposed idealist, which is unquestionably accepted in Britain, will on this side of the Atlantic be hotly disputed, and, as the facts emerge, may become increasingly discredited.

It is certainly a matter for comment that, three years after his death, his executors have not yet seen fit to entrust to anyone the task of compiling his official biography. The passage of time cannot increase the interest with which such a book would be received. Nor is the material accessible, having been concentrated in the library at Hyde Park.

Why The Reticence?

What, therefore, can be the reason for this curious reticence? Is it that Mrs. Roosevelt has been

unwilling to entrust this formidable literary task to a dispassionate historian, or could it be that no writer has been found able to draw a satisfactory portrait out of the mass of inconsistencies and contradictions contained in the private and State papers? Would the revelations prove too surprising or distressing?

Could they prove more distressing than those contained in the books already published by certain of the late President's friends, relatives and colleagues, most of them friendly witnesses?

Miss Frances Perkins could not conceal the shadows from what was undoubtedly intended to be a flattering picture. Mr. Cordell Hull showed between the lines of the long story of his faithful stewardship at the State Department the appalling fakeness of the Roosevelt judgment and the relentless indefensibility of the methods which he employed from the very outset of his Presidency.

From the time of the London Conference on, perhaps, Mr. Roosevelt came somewhat better out of the Summer Welles more restrained narrative.

Convincing Story

But the excursion of his son Elliott into the best-selling field could hardly have done greater disservice to his memory. For Elliott showed his father to have been childishly ignorant of nearly all the great issues of strategy and statesmanship, suspicious of Britain and credulous of Russia.

It is difficult to dismiss Elliott's story as altogether untrue. The more so since it was supported by a preface written by Mrs. Roosevelt herself.

The details of the endless political manoeuvring and changes of course which maintained Mr. Roosevelt for so long in power will probably not excite great interest in Europe.

Mr. Roosevelt's greatest hero in American history was General Andrew Jackson, "Old Hickory," the man principally responsible for introducing into American life the spoils system, the rigid Party caucus, and their attendant evils.

Mr. Roosevelt swam strongly in the official muddy waters. He demanded loyalty, but did not always find it convenient to return it.

The current Roosevelt best-seller is the work of Mr. Farley, who, as Democratic Party chairman, long enjoyed Mr. Roosevelt's confidence and favour only to be discarded when his highest ambitions seemed within reach.

Mr. Farley is the central figure of his own book, though he can hardly be called its hero, for he does not cut a very admirable figure in it. But his story is convincing enough and he has not yet been challenged.

When one has read it, it is difficult not to understand the origin of the popular American tag: "Washington couldn't tell a lie." It is not a very inspiring tale.

By ALASTAIR FORBES

He, Roosevelt couldn't tell the truth.

A New Angle

In the realm of international policy the question to which Americans seek the answer is this: Did Mr. Roosevelt try to get us into the war or did he really hope to keep us out?

Mr. Churchill's book, publication of which has begun, is likely to show the late President working constantly towards more active intervention.

Mr. Harry Hopkins' posthumous memoirs, shortly to appear, edited by Mr. Robert Sherwood, the author will probably prove the same point.

But how will this be received by the American voter who reflected Mr. Roosevelt in 1940, confident that he would keep the pledge which he made in Boston in October of that year in which he said: "I have said this before, but I shall say it again and again: Your boys are not going to be sent into any foreign war."

A distinguished historian, Mr. Charles Beard, has come out with a book in which he analyses most fully what he considers to have been the dupery of Mr. Roosevelt on the matter of American participation in the war.

Mr. Beard contrasts the President's public utterances with the secret messages exchanged between him and Mr. Churchill during 1940-41, claiming that Tyler Kent was imprisoned because he had sought to pass on Mr. Roosevelt's interventionist promises as contained in these messages; and yet, at the same time, in Washington the President was accusing Ambassador Kennedy of being "taken in by the British" and of

demanding too much for them—a completely new angle, incidentally, on Kennedy's views.

Misunderstood Europe

Later in 1940 he told Mr. Farley that Britain's chances of holding out were about one in three.

What are we to make of this man who admitted even before his third term that he might crack up at any time and yet who chose Henry Wallace as the man who would become President if he died? Who in 1944, having heard from medical experts that he probably had not more than a year to live, took as his successor-designate a Senator of whom he knew nothing save his obscurity and limitations?

What, completely misunderstanding Europe, took decisions at Tehran and Yalta from which Europe may never recover? Whose vanity made him believe himself capable of fixing every awkward situation, and who died leaving every awkward situation unfixed? Who, on the eve of his death, referred to Mr. Churchill as "a carious old man?"

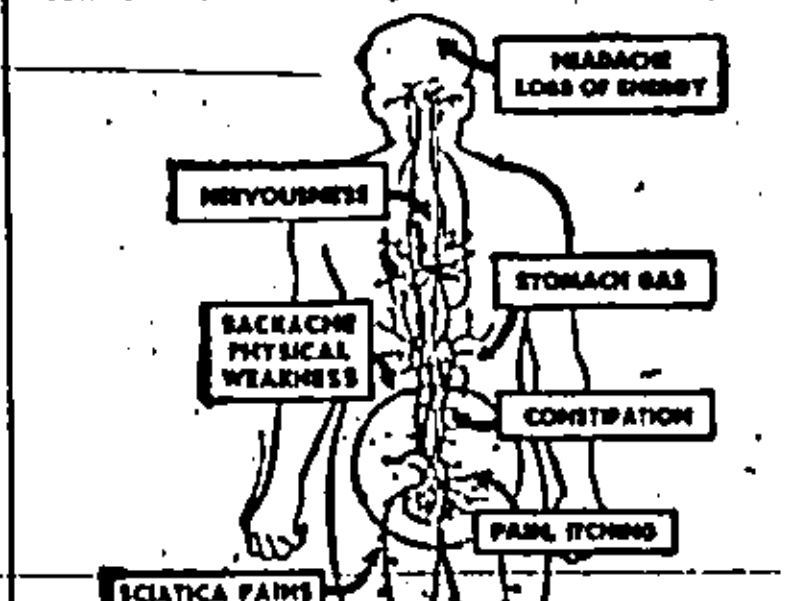
The Strangest Part

These are some of the questions I asked myself last week as I walked past the White House, where I sat and talked with him nine years ago under the spell of his ruthless charm.

The strangest part of the story is its ending. For Britain and America have drawn nearer to each other in the three years since Roosevelt died than in all the 12 years of his undisputed power.

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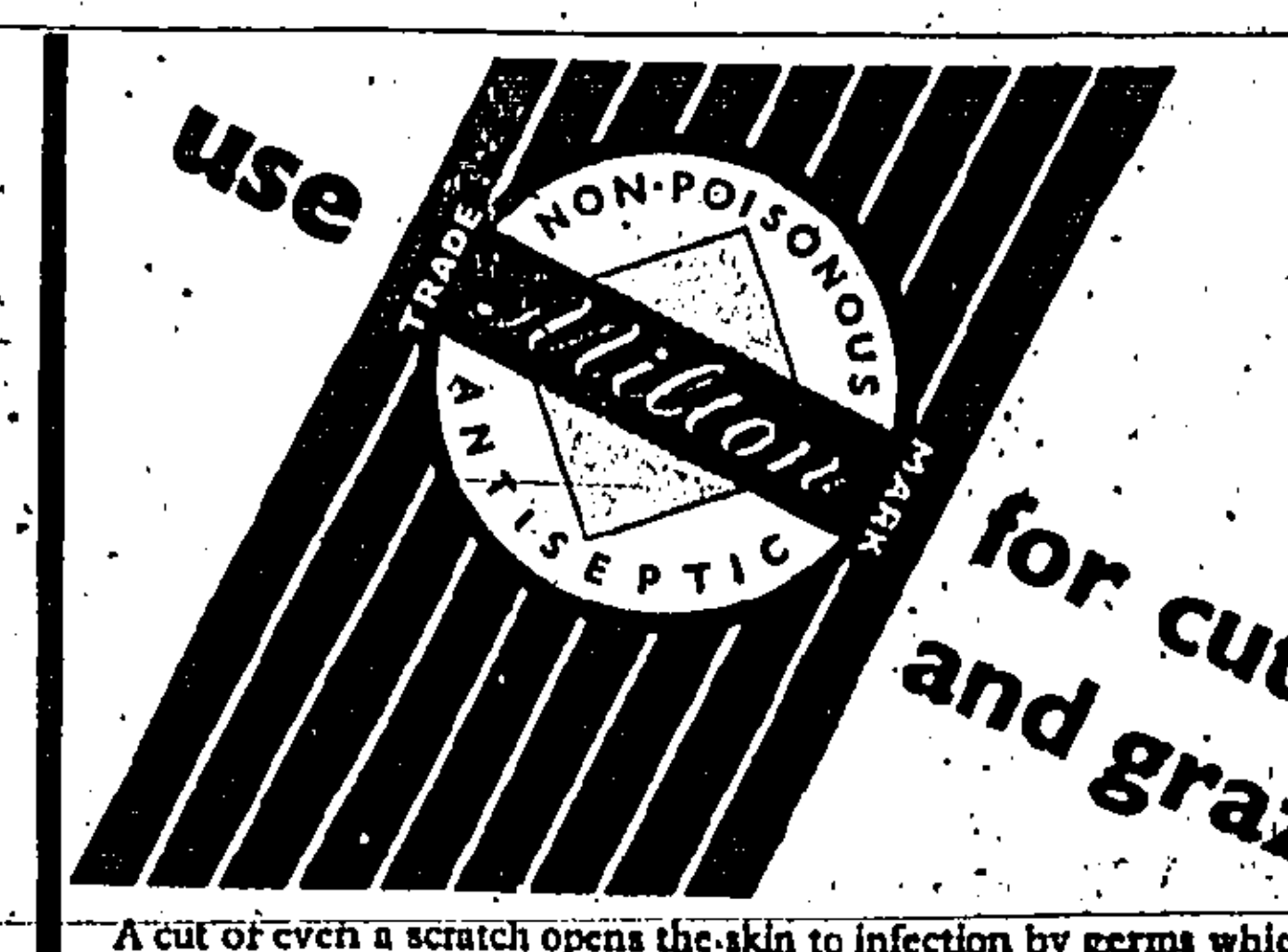
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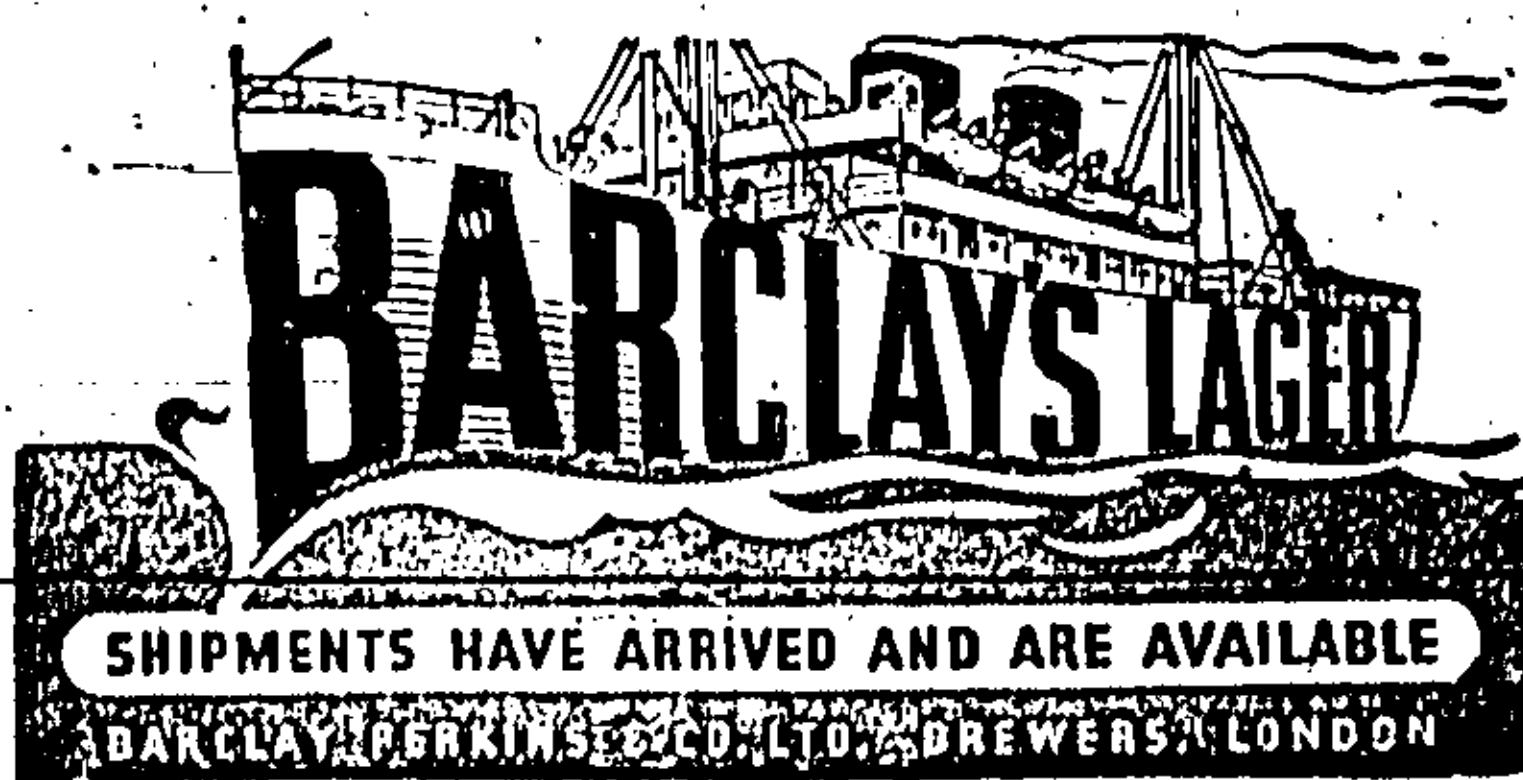
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PATRICK CAMPBELL'S PIECE

Well, here we go again—or at least I do, because you're probably seven up solid with the building society in a semi-detached in Tullagh Park.

Last Tuesday I was out on my car, expelled from the two shoeboxes which I had come to look upon as home.

It took me 12 months to dig myself into them, arriving from Ireland unannounced in bare feet, with a few small effects in a paper parcel. Even then I had to stand on my head, produce rabbits from hats, sing a couple of songs, and cause lightning to strike twice in the same place before I was allowed to take possession of the key.

Then, last Tuesday, came the message: "The management informs me that they are not in favour of the policy of permanent subtenancies. Unless, in fact, I resign occupation of the flat myself within the next month, it will be reclaimed by them and reallocated."

It took me a minute or two to straighten it out. "Reallocated," always looks to me like "reallocated," and never seems to mean anything.

Then I got it. I staggered back against the Tudor ottoman. The tenant was coming in, and the sub-tenant was going out! I shot down to the office. Black coats, striped trousers, smart men.

It seemed that the bad old system of the absentee landlord had suddenly materialised again in S.W.1.

"You don't have to tell me about that," I said. "We know all about it where I come from, even if I can't at this moment recall all the names and dates."

The management were glad I understood. At the present moment they were drawing a pillar of shillings from their boxes, while the tenants, seeking the sub-tenants up to the hilt in guineas, were living in luxury in the Bahamas and on the Costa d'Azur. The position would have to be readjusted.

"But what about me?" I cried. "I'm being reclaimed out on to the Embankment!"

They said they were sure some compromise would be reached which would be agreeable and fair to all parties.

I said the only compromise I could see which would be agreeable and fair to me would be to cut the whole thing off.

In the end—I had to get down on my knees on the carpet and tell them I was going to have an abdominal operation—they consented to reallocate me to another group of boxes on another floor. A temporary measure, they said. This time I could have three boxes—the increase in rent for the extra space, suitable for a chair, being £3 14s. 8d.

I went home to pack. Two hours later I had everything in except a yard brush, three pillows, an enormous jar of mothballs, a piece of green velvet six feet square, two potted plants, a small statue, a clock, a tape, a coffee percolator half full of coffee, a couple of pounds of potatoes in the lid of a laundry box, two tins of red plum jam, and a carpet slipper.

I slipped across to my new residence with the trunk and the boxes, and then came back for the incidentals. After two more journeys I was left with the yard brush, the potted flowers, the coffee percolator, and the mothballs. I decided to take them all together.

I pushed the lift button with the end of the yard-brush handle. Both hands were full. The lift came down from an upper floor and stopped. I could see someone peering out through the window. I waved the brush at him meaning him to open the door. He shook his head, and pointed upwards. After an interval of hopeless cross-purposes I pushed back the door myself, using my elbow. As I stepped into the lift, the door shut back again, hit the yard-brush handle, and poured the coffee all over my trousers.

"Well, well," said the man. "You can hardly say you're in the soup. You're in the coffee!" He threw back his head and laughed uproariously.

I looked at him in surprise. He was carrying a brief-case and wearing a black hat. There was nothing to show he was mad.

He wiped his eye. "What's this?" he said. "You're not going to keep a horse in one of these flats are you?" He fingered the bristles of my brush. Slowly another paroxysm of laughter was coming over him. Then it got him. He laughed so hard his hat fell over his eyes.

"My gosh," he said, "it's too much!" He examined me again. "And a spot of gardening, too," he said, looking at the two potted plants. "What's this—a new kind of fertilizer?"

Some of the coffee had spilled over into the pots, and was floating about on the mud.

"No," I said carefully, trying to steady him, "all that happened was that some of the coffee spilled out of the percolator."

"Oh, no," he said. He put out a hand, deeply. "Oh, stop it. The percolator!"

I meant the percolator. I shouted at him, but it was too late. He was clinging on to the lift door bobbing, the tears pouring down his face.

He came to gradually, in a series of diminishing convulsions. The lift stopped with a jerk at the ground floor.

I struggled out. He made no effort to help, but stood watching me as if it were some kind of variety turn.

"Thank you very much," I said.

"Don't thank me, old boy," he said. "The corners of his mouth were twitching again. 'Go and get yourself a bath. And don't forget to throw in a couple of handfuls of Night in the Harlem.' He dropped his brief-case. He clutched his sides. Oh, it went again."

For a moment I thought of telling him I had mothballs in the jar, not bath-salts, but decided it would probably kill him. I walked away.

I hope he's got to move before I do. I don't think I could bear to meet him again, carrying anything, in the lift.

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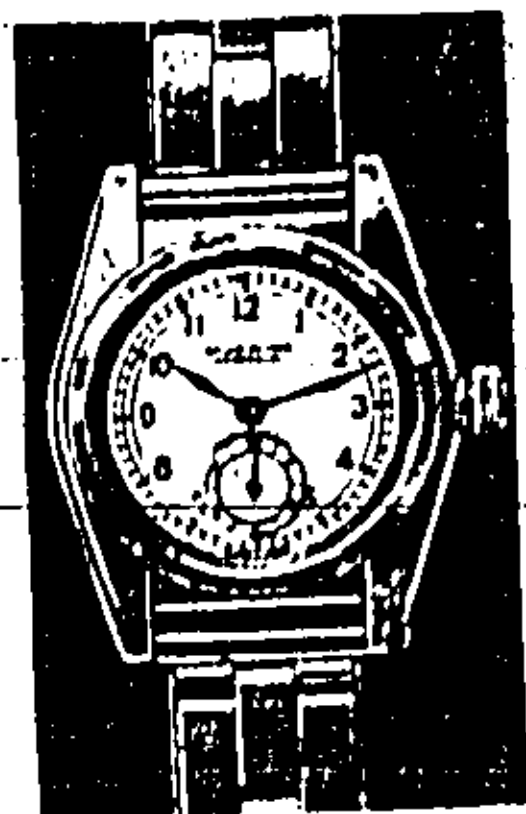
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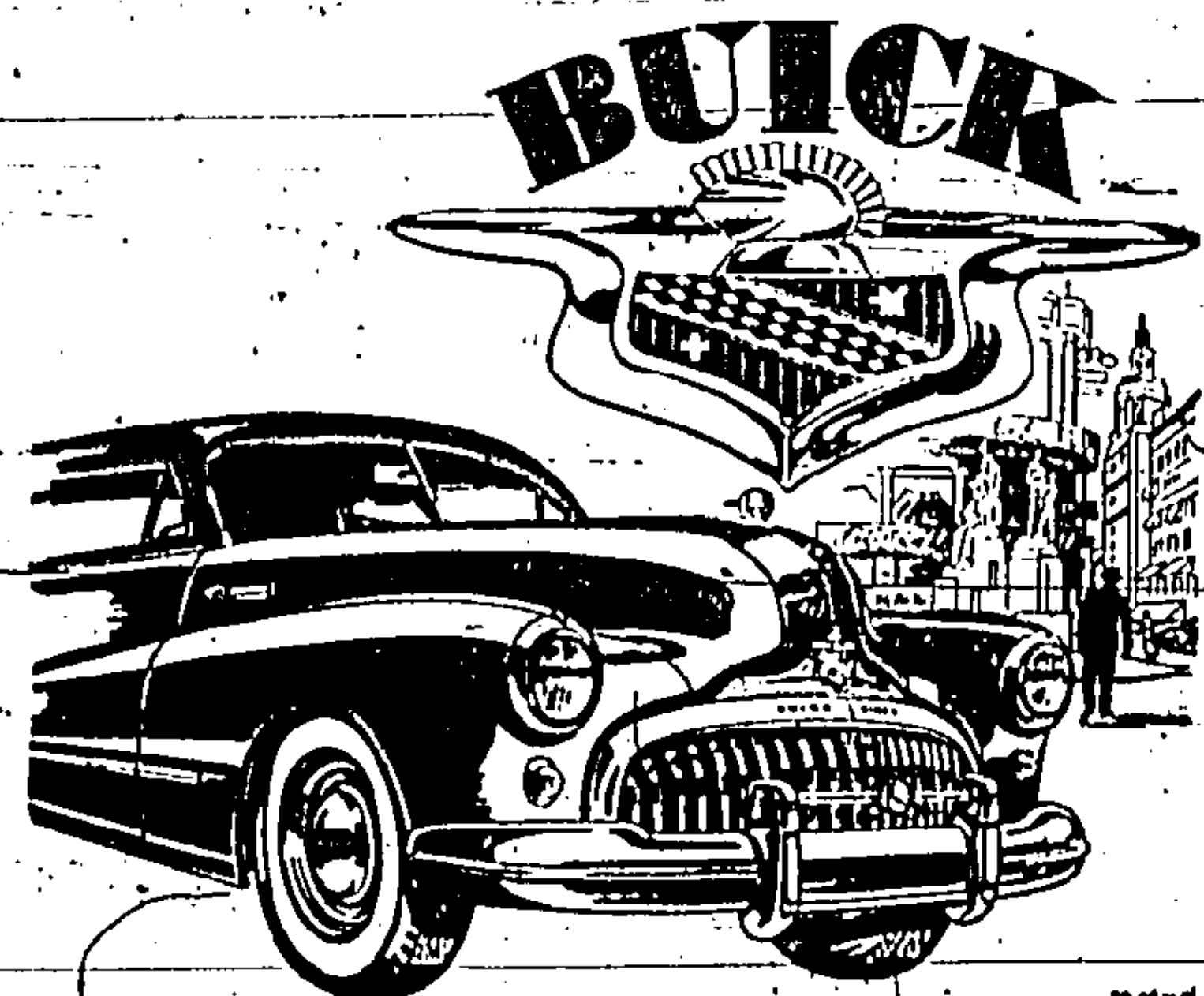
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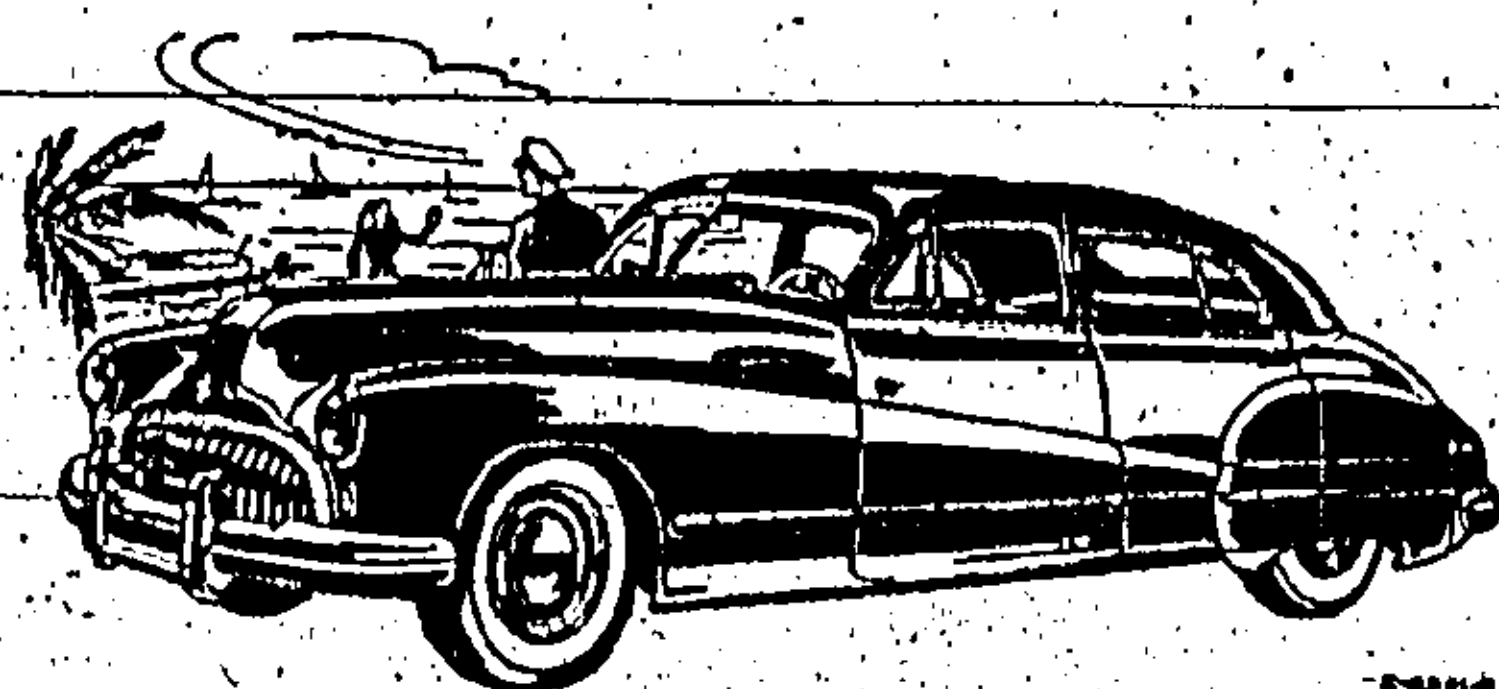
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They needed to stand together, for they were fiercely counter-attacked.

At the end of a great war the British have always followed the same course. They take some of the famous commanders who led them to victory and ask these commanders to lead their next-war army. Surely this is a mistake.

But, naturally, the Old Hero is placed in favour of the type of army which he himself raised.

Crusaders' Cross

Is it really possible for him to say that he will gear all his experience and evolve a new type of army?

None has yet succeeded in doing this, and yet the one thing that is quite certain is that the next-war army must change radically from that which was used in the last war.

Thus it was that our band of crusaders met with considerable difficulty for some years after the First World War.

We persevered, however, and steadily built up our ideas as to what we wanted and what we should do. In the end we won our way, and a really progressive spirit was established throughout the Army which had full official support.

Even then our band was needed to keep up the pressure and to provide criticism at times.

Without criticism any great concern like the Army is bound to become inefficient, and the criticism must be backed by a good deal of publicity. Under these conditions we undoubtedly led the world in modern military practice during the years from 1926 to 1934.

We had then reached a stage when it was necessary for the Government to tell the country that it had to accept on the lines that we had evolved and that the country would have to pay the bill.

If it had done we should have maintained our lead and the Second World War might never have broken out. But the Government failed in its duty, and we soldiers had to watch Germany using our ideas and gradually overtaking us.

Our work was, however, far from being entirely wasted. We continued in study these progressive methods very closely up to the Second World War.

The Same Struggle

When, after Dunkirk, it came to raising our great armoured forces it is quite certain that I could

not by any means whatever have done this work in such a comparatively short time. If it had not been that our study of those matters was right up to date.

We settled on an organisation almost at once, which was retained throughout the war and has changed very little since the war.

Now let us look at the state of things after this Second World War. This struggle, like the first, was largely won by the use of massive man-power armies. As a result, we cling once more to last-war methods and retain conscription.

I have not yet met any progressive and thoughtful officer

By GENERAL SIR GIFFARD MARTEL

First Commander of The Royal Armoured Corps.

of medium regularity, who is not convinced that we are making a great mistake in this policy.

Our case has been that the country is wasting vast sums in building up a semi-conscript and semi-regular army. It is beyond our capacity to have both a good Regular army and all the establishments necessary for a conscript army.

On the other hand, we could already have raised a first-class regular army (consisting entirely of long-service men) if we had used all the assets which we have spent on the conscript army.

The Old Guard

These included about half our Regulars for instructional purposes, large sums of money, and a great deal of accommodation.

Such assets cannot have been enough to provide a proper rate of pay and accommodation for a model regular army.

Great numbers of the Old Guard Regulars would have come

flocking back to join what have been one of the finest forces in the world.

The only object in training a conscript army now is to enable us to raise a mass man-power army in the next few years. This would be needed only if Russia started a large-scale war during this period. Surely no one suggests that this is likely to happen.

At present, and for the next few years, a first-class regular army is our most urgent necessity.

The New Crusading

If we went for such an army and cut down our expenditure ruthlessly on training and administrative establishments we could, with the same funds, as-

surely create a regular army of at least two or three regular divisions, as well as the necessary garrison troops.

Such is the new Crusading idea. But where are the New Crusaders? Criticism today comes only from outside the Army and from within. Yet the need for it is greater than ever before. Consider what might have happened if we had received it, and paid heed to it, even gone slowly, and produced only two or three regular divisions standing back in reserve in Germany and ready for any eventuality.

What would have been the course of events?

In February of this year trouble arose in Czechoslovakia. A small body of Communists seized the town of Plzen, and, backed by armed power, no free vote could possibly have been carried out. The Communists had, of course, the further support of Russia.

The people of Czechoslovakia were almost certainly behind Dr. Benes, but they did not dare to resist the Communist coup. Dr. Benes knew for some time previously that he was losing control of his country. Had our three divisions been fully mobilised and available he must have cast many a longing eye at them.

He might well have told us that his one desire was that the will of the people should rule in a democratic manner; he could have asked for the loan of the British troops as a police force.

It would not have been contrary to any charter which we had signed, and our soldiers would have entered as friends into a friendly country. No Russian-controlled territory had to be crossed on the way, and there were no Russian troops in Czechoslovakia.

Within 24 hours some of the finest British units would have been parading through Prague. The march of these disciplined troops would have been acclaimed by the people. The elements of disorder would have been frustrated. A few thugs could easily have been dealt with by our Regulars.

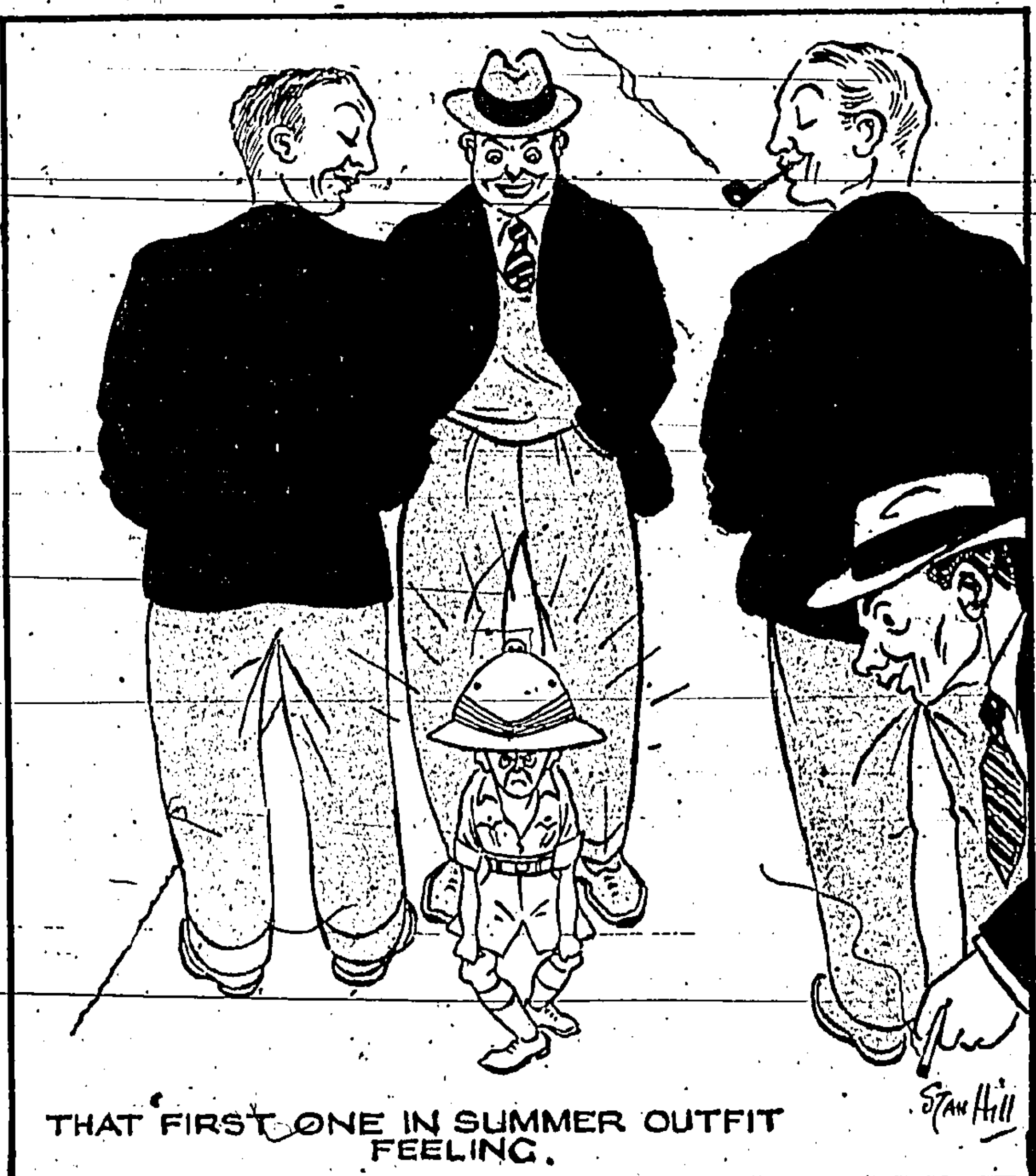
Czechoslovakia might thus have been saved and with a bloodless victory. But it could have been achieved only with regular troops. Conscripts cannot possibly do this work.

The same beneficial action might well have been extended to keep free the rest of Europe. If only we had possessed the New Model Army! But we do not because we have not yet found our Band of New Crusaders who will argue and agitate for it. One reason may be that criticism is no longer welcomed in the Army. If that is so, it is a sad commentary on all the talk of "progress" which has been bandied about.

The Band of Crusaders must be re-formed. The talent is there all right. We must make the mood.

IN THE FIRST "HEAT"

By STAN HILL



IN RE THEIRS

Here is a short essay on the cow which is also a lesson on how to write English. It was written by a child of ten, and is guaranteed genuine:

"The cow is a mammal. It has six sides—right, left, an upper and below. At the back it has a tail on which hangs a brush. With this it sends the flies away so that they do not fall into the milk. The head is for the purpose of growing horns, and so that the mouth can be somewhere.

"The horns are to butt with, and the mouth is to moo with. Under the cow hangs the milk. It is 'milked' for 'milk'. When people milk, the milk comes and there is never an end to the supply. How the cow does it I have not yet realised, but it makes more and more. The cow has a fine sense of smell; one can smell it far away. That is the reason for the fresh air in the country."

Put Plainly

This essay is quoted by Sir Ernest Gowers, the eminent

Civil Servant, in a pamphlet called Plain Words (Stationery Office, 2s.), which is intended to guide Civil Servants in the correct use of English.

Why, he asks, do we write when we are ten "so that the mouth can be somewhere," and when we are 30 "in order to ensure that the mouth may be appropriately positioned" environmentally?

Plain Meaning

Here is an example: "The Board should in the light of experience study the location of industry throughout the country with a view to anticipating cases where degeneration may probably occur in the future, and encouraging before a depression crisis arises the development in such cases, so far as possible, of other industries."

What the writer meant, says Sir Ernest Gowers, was: "The Board should try to foresee the likelihood of a local depression in any industrial area, and en-

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courage other industries to go there beforehand." He tells Civil Servants what words to use and what to avoid, and how to write letters that people can understand.

In Plain Terms

He says: Do not say predecease for die before; abolition facilities for wash basins; it is apprehended that for I suppose; capable of locomotion for able to walk.

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CONSTITUTION FOR GERMANY To Be Drawn Up By Constituent Assembly

Labour Demand On Palestine

London, Apr. 30.

Nine Labour members of
Parliament today demanded
that Britain withdraw all its
troops from Palestine by May
30.The present target date is
August 1. After May 15, when
Britain lays down her mandate,
British forces will be responsible
only for their own safety and
security.The nine Labour members
demanded in a motion introduced
in the House of Commons. They also
accused British Government prior
to the present Labour Government
of mismanaging Palestine affairs.The text of the motion read:
"That this House records the
opinion that the affairs of Palestine
have been mismanaged by British
Governments prior to 1940
and calls upon the Government to
dispose of, all stores, material
etc., as soon as possible and see
that members of our armed forces
leave Palestine before May 15
and that those who volunteer to
remain in order to facilitate with-
drawal, shall leave as early as
possible, and that no man shall
remain after May 30."A group of Conservatives
earlier this week introduced a motion
censuring the Labour Government
for its Palestine policy, especially
its failure to negotiate for the
transfer of the mandate under
orderly conditions. There was no
indication when, if ever, either
motion would be debated.—United
Press.

Legislature Of Two Houses

London, Apr. 30.

British reports said today an agreement has been
reached by the London six-power conference on
Germany to hold a constituent assembly in
September which would draw up a constitution
for a West German Government.The West German Government would begin to work,
presumably early next year, the reports added.Official British quarters
today confirmed nor denied the
reports.The Assembly would be given
directives by the occupying pow-
ers to keep the draft constitution
along democratic principles and
safeguard against attempts to
restore militarism in Germany.The draft constitution would
be submitted to the United
States, Britain and France for
approval and subsequently for a
referendum to the German peo-
ple of the Western Zones.The Daily Telegraph said the
constitution will provide a
legislature of two houses. It
said that delegates to the As-
sembly would number 55, one
for each 100,000 people in the
various provinces of Western
Germany.Details are still under discus-
sion by the representatives of the
three big Western powers and the
Benelux countries who have been
considering the future of Ger-
many since early last week fol-
lowing earlier discussions in Lon-
don in early February and
March.

French Plan

France supported by the Ben-
elux countries is understood to
have suggested the suggested struc-
ture for Western Germany be
based largely on a federal system
with most of the power vested in
the provinces and that the cen-
tralised authorities be given
minimum power. The United
States and Britain still favour a
comparatively strong Central
Government.Informed sources expect the
Government envisaged for West-
ern Germany have many aspects
of sovereignty but some measure
of control is maintained in fields
of defence, foreign policy and
finance. The sources said there
is no intention to withdraw
troops of occupation within the
foreseeable future.At the London meeting earlier
this year it was agreed to estab-
lish a "federal form of Govern-
ment adequately to protect the
rights of the respective states
but at the same time providing
for an adequate central au-
thority."

Differences

Differences on the future of the
Ruhr have not yet been dis-
solved, informed sources said to-
day. They have arisen over im-
plementation of international
control and future ownership of
Ruhr industries on which Britain
was reliably reported still main-
taining its original demand for
nationalisation. The United States
favours decision by plebiscite and
non-interference until such a
decision is taken.The British argument is that
Ruhr industries cannot be re-
turned to their former owners.

Churchill Art Not For Sale

London, Apr. 30.

Visitors at a private view to-
day of the summer exhibition of
the Royal Academy were disap-
pointed to find that three paint-
ings by the Parliament Opposi-
tion leader, Mr. Winston Church-
ill, were not for sale.Mr. Churchill has been per-
mitted to show three pictures—
the maximum allowed a non-
member of the Academy—"on
the line", that is, at eye-level.Britain's wartime Premier has
painted for many years in periods
of retirement and retirement.
When two of his works were ac-
cepted for last year's exhibition,
he chose the pseudonym of "O.
Winter".This year, however, his works
are all exhibited under his own
name. The exhibition opens to
the public tomorrow.—Reuter.

Koreans To Protest

Peking, Apr. 30.

Korean residents at a meet-
ing here today, resolved to cable
SUNP and the Japanese Govern-
ment protesting against Japanese
orders to close Korean schools
in Japan.The residents issued a circular
declaring that the "suppression
of Korean racial freedom in
Japan would impede the United
States name at a time when Amer-
ica is supporting Korean in-
dependence."They said that in China the
Koreans enjoy full educational
freedom.Postwar repatriation reduced
the once large Korean colony to
220 persons.—United Press.

Japanese Firms On SCAP List

Tokyo, May 1.

One hundred and ninety-
four of 325 Japanese firms have
been removed from the list of
companies to be broken up
under terms of the Economic
Democratization Law, a high
SCAP source said today."There will be further elimi-
nations," he added.The law held that those com-
panies which held an excess of
economic power would be split up.
The measure had drawn heavy
fire from American and Japanese
businessmen, some of the former
claiming that would introduce So-
cialism into Japan.The source said those Congress
removed from the list were indus-
trial or distributing companies.
Others on the list are in the same
category or classified as financial
institutions.Of the remaining 131 firms on
the list, the source continued, 61
are holding companies which
existed only in that capacity.
Some of those probably will be
broken up.This seems to leave less than
100 companies which will be con-
sidered for deconcentration which
is to be applied with the aid of a
five-man board of American busi-
ness experts due to arrive next
week.The source did not indicate
what type of companies would be
removed from the list in "further
eliminations"—Associated Press.

London Talks On Germany

London, Apr. 30.

The Political Committee of
the six-power London Confer-
ence on Germany today dis-
cussed whether the West Ger-
man Constituent Assembly,
which the Conference wishes to
see in being by next September,
should be elected or should be
nominated by the German
Diets.This question is regarded here
as being of great importance for
the future of Western Germany.
There are indications that the
German Social Democratic Party
would react strongly against a
nominated Constituent Assembly
for the three zones in the same
way that it has already criticised
the fact that the present Bizpa-
r Economic Council in Frankfurt is
a nominated body.Officials tonight refused to in-
dicate whether the Committee had
reached a decision though it was
reliably reported earlier in the
evening that the Assembly was
not to be based on direct popular
election.It was believed that the Com-
mittee had decided to compose
the Assembly of delegations from
the State Parliaments. The num-
ber of delegates from each State
would be in proportion to its
population and each delegation
would be formed to reflect the
strength of the parties within the
State.—Reuter.

British Pact With Arabs

London, Apr. 30.

The revised Anglo-Transjor-
dan treaty, signed last March at
Amman, the capital of Trans-
Jordan, came into force today
when it was ratified by the Gov-
ernment.The Transjordan ratification of
the treaty came immediately after
the signing on March 15.The treaty, the first successful
move for reviewing up-to-date
the existing series of treaties be-
tween Britain and the Arab
States, continues and develops
mutual defence arrangements be-
tween the two countries in the
earlier treaty and creates a joint
Defence Board. It severely res-
tricts the rights formerly held by
Britain to station troops in Trans-
Jordan.It is valid for 20 years from
today, but may be revised after
15 years at the request of either
party.—Reuter.

TOBRUK WAR MEMORIAL

Tobruk, Apr. 29.

General Sir Leslie Morshead,
who gained fame as commander
of the garrison during the siege
of Tobruk, arrived here today.
Tomorrow he will unveil a
memorial to the Australians who
fell during the siege.The sloop Peacock arrived to-
day from Malta with the naval
section of the guard of honour
for the ceremony which will be
provided by the British fighting
services.—Reuter.

WIDOW'S PENANCE IN SUBTERRANEAN TOMB

(By James Michaels)

New Delhi, Apr. 30.

Today I had a conversation with a woman who was
entombed three months ago on the bank of the
sacred Jumna River.A middle-aged Hindu widow, Kalavati, invested the
profits from her small restaurant in Delhi in
building a 50-cubic-foot brick-walled tomb
in which to bury herself for one year as penance
for the world's sins.She entered the tomb last
January and had her friends
seal the entrance with cement.
The underground tomb has one
small ventilator at the top and
a drain at the bottom.Crowds of barefoot urchins
clustered about me as I stood in
the blistering, scorching heat of
the Indian plain, talking through
the ventilator to Kalavati. Near-
by, in a Hindu cremation ground,
four twisted corpses were still
smouldering."I feel much better buried here
than I did in my house," said the
buried widow, and her voice
echoed eerily in her subterranean
chamber.She explained that her diet
of milk and fruit was handed
in through the ventilator,
through which her face was
barely visible two feet below.
Aged Babu Ram, caretaker of
the cremation ground, was
sceptical as to her intentions."I have cremated three of her
husbands... maybe if she is here
long enough, some rich old wo-
man will give her some money,"
the old man said.
However, the entombed widow
insists she is doing penance in
obedience to God's will.—United
Press.

G.E.C. LAB EXPLOSION

Schenectady, New York,

Apr. 30.

An explosion of such force
that it blew a worker through a
window rocked an entire floor of
the General Electric Company's
research laboratory building here
today.The man hurled through the
window was reported to have
died.
The laboratory was engaged on
extensive atomic research. The
cause of the explosion was not
determined immediately. The
explosion, it was announced
later, was a chemical explosion
and wrecked an entire floor of
the laboratory.—Reuter.

"EMILE" DEAD

London, Apr. 29.

Gaston Boudou, who as hair-
dresser "Emile" created coiffures
for Queen Mary, Queen Elizabeth
and Princess Elizabeth, died to-
day at the age of 70.—Associated
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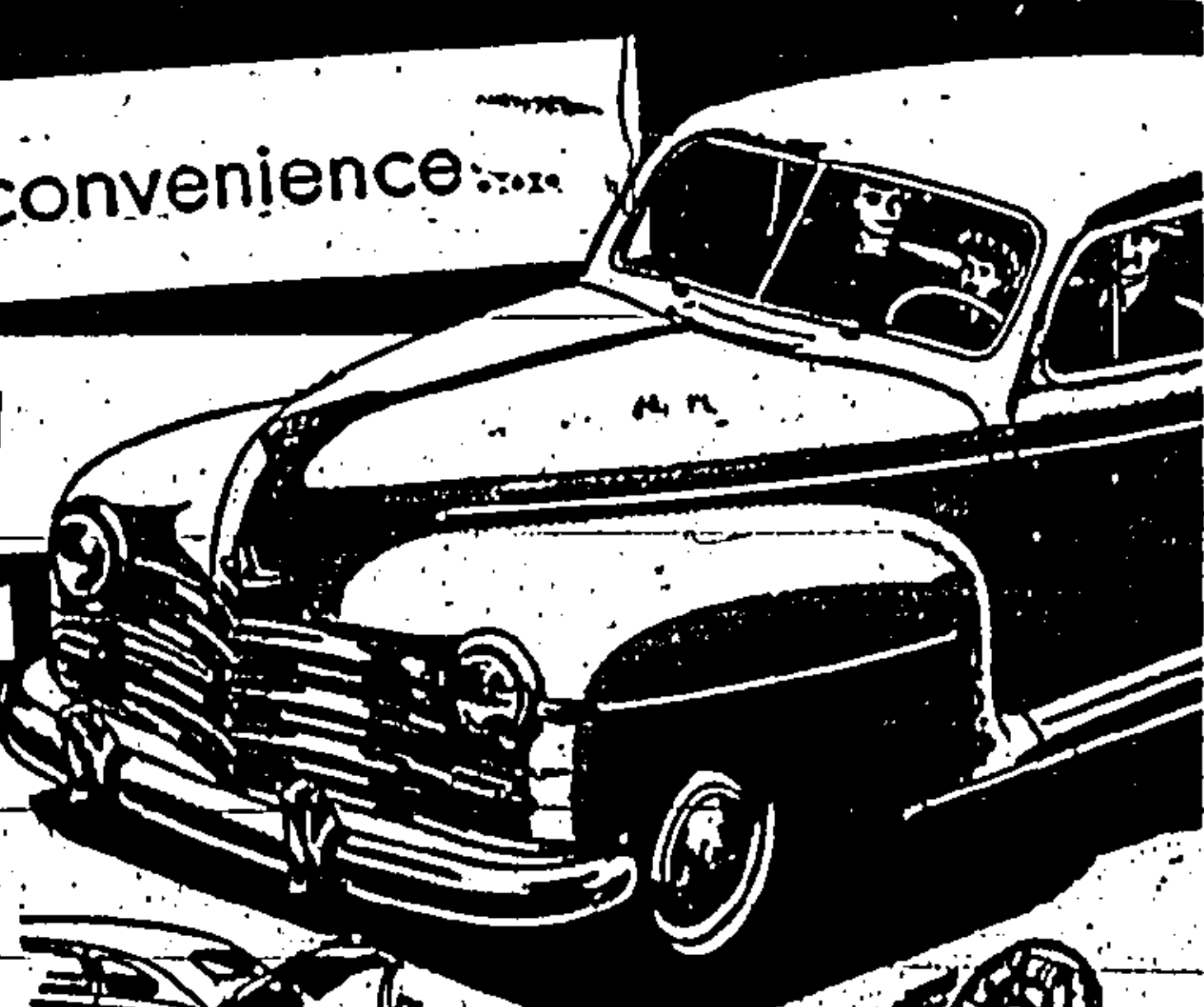
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IN MEMORIAM

Mr. P. Castro, brother and sister, extends their thanks to all relatives and friends for floral tributes and kind attendance at re-interment of the late Mrs. Eliza Maria Castro and Mrs. Almira Fernandez.

WATER WASTE: AN EXAMPLE?

Let us preserve a sense of proportion. Several persons during the week were fined sums varying from \$100 to \$250 for using water from a fire hydrant. This is against regulations. It is also a matter which recommends more vigorous measures of suppression during a period of serious water shortage than at such times as conservation appears to be less important.

If, however, our magistrates are to be expected to look severely upon such practices, the Government itself should be the more careful to set the example. In another page in this issue will be found a report by "Sunday Herald" representatives of the liberal use of fresh water by Urban Council employees engaged in street washing. Yesterday, also, the Fire Brigade compound was thoroughly scoured by firemen making generous use of fresh water.

The water shortage is not yet of the nature to justify panic; it merely calls for careful watching. Nevertheless, the counselling of the public to prevent waste is in sharp contradiction to Government activities which suggest that the available supplies are unlimited, or which, to put it at its lowest, are destructive of any campaign recommending public co-operation in preventing excessive consumption.

It is not easy to convince a man that the drought has any important bearing when he sees hundreds of gallons pouring down the gutters. It may be no more than failure of the Urban Authority to let the Water Council know what it is trying to do, but this merely emphasises the incongruity of imposing heavy fines on ignorant coolies. Let us preserve a sense of balance. And let us also take steps, as has so frequently been urged in the past, to devise a system for the use of salt water for street cleansing purposes.

Revolt

The revolting business of the body of a Japanese, hanged at Stanley for a war crime, subsequently drifting into the Tweed Bay area, invites questions. Apparently the body should have been weighted down, but this was so badly done that it came again to the surface.

Whatever the answer, no excuse can reasonably be tolerated. The public expenditure involved in taking the bodies of convicted criminals out to sea and dumping them should be enough itself to condemn the practice utterly, since it must be assumed that cremation would be cheaper as well as more sanitary.

Or there is the simple process of burying them within the precincts of the prison, which was generally believed to be the normal method of disposal.

On what authority the perturbing measures now disclosed have been counteracted, it would be interesting to have information. In any event, instructions should immediately be given that this practice must now cease.

Teachers' Salaries

Government's silence on the future salary scales of grant-in-aid teachers has given rise to more protest, because it carries the impression of evasion rather than because of the mere fact of delay. Either Government has a plan or it has not. Either recommendations have been made or they have not. Either there is an intention to

THE HONG KONG WAR DAMAGE PROBLEM

By H.G.W. Woodhead, C.B.E.

The problems of indemnification for war damage or losses locally is such a complex one that I hesitate to give my views on the subject. I think, however, it must be generally conceded that it would be preposterous to expect the already heavily-burdened British taxpayer to foot the bill for Hong Kong war injuries. So far as I know, the only Colony for which the United Kingdom has assumed this responsibility has been Malta, and Malta was a very special case. It was the key-stone of British Mediterranean strategy, and it never surrendered. It probably suffered more air raids per square mile than any other place of British territory. And though the military and civilian casualties were fewer than those sustained by Hong Kong, the ratio of property destroyed was very much higher. No Briton is likely to grudge the millions of pounds with the promise of a further twenty millions for restoring war damage and rebuilding after the war.

Not Easy

What kind of war damage could residents of Hong Kong reasonably expect to be indemnified for? For supposing funds from some source or other were available? It is not an easy question to answer, seeing that war damages fall into several categories, some of which may be mentioned. There was, first, the destruction caused by enemy action in December 1941 during the attack upon and invasion of the Colony, supplemented by the official sabotaging of ships, oil-tanks and other properties likely to be of use to the enemy. There was the damage done by American bombers after the American Army and Navy had begun its spectacular advance from the South Pacific to the shores of Japan. There was the wholesale looting, mostly by Chinese, during hostilities, and what was more deplorable—for several months following the British re-occupation, when it was impossible to provide adequate police protection. There was the requisitioning of stocks of various kinds by the Japanese, and the heavy loss caused by compulsory liquidation of foreign banks and other concerns, and tampering with the currency. Added together these various forms of damage would result in an enormous figure, far beyond the capacity of the Mother Country or of the Japanese (in the form of reparations) to meet. But an attempt to classify and discriminate between these various categories would not only arouse much resentment, but also, by reason of overlapping, cause considerable confusion.

No Insurance?

The British Government has given as part justification of its refusal to saddle the United Kingdom with the war damage bill of the Japanese, the fact that the British War Damage Insurance Scheme prior to the outbreak of hostilities in the Pacific. This scheme does not appear ever to have been put to the community, or even urged upon any section of it, and had it been, and been accepted, either the British or the Japanese would have been confronted with an intolerable burden. Moreover, to the best of my belief the War Damage Insurance Scheme in Great Britain was not implemented until hostilities had actually broken out, or at most very few months before. Moreover, it would, I fancy, have applied only to damage done by the enemy during actual hostilities.

Looked at strictly from a legal basis I should be inclined to think that the British Government could only be held to full account for the destruction of movable, or immovable property

(motor cars, drugs, foodstuffs, shipping, and buildings) requisitioned for military use during hostilities. It would not, I think, suffice to plead that the vehicles, buildings or commodities requisitioned would probably have been destroyed even if they had not been requisitioned. Surely the act of requisitioning established responsibility on the part of the Government, regarding thereto. The Government has admitted a large measure of responsibility for the pay and/or pensions of persons who were, in effect, requisitioned for military or civil service in connection with the defence of the Colony. I do not see how responsibility for material requisitions can be denied.

Priority

As between other categories of damage it would be extremely difficult to frame a logical order of priorities. Moreover, logically, the same priorities would have to be applied to Singapore, Malaya, Burma, and other British territories in South-East Asia where, in the aggregate, the damage and destruction resulting from military operations and occupation must have been very much greater than that suffered by Hong Kong. Seeing that the British taxpayer does not feel called upon to make good these losses, the only practical alternative is to recover what is practicable in the form of reparations from Japan, and in my view allocate it upon some reasonably equitable basis, among genuine war victims in territories actually occupied by the enemy. There will certainly not be enough to meet more than a fraction of substantiated claims to war losses, and priority should be given to individuals who lost homes, furniture and the bulk of all of their personal belongings. Both in Hong Kong and other recovered British territories the inhabitants fortunately have not waited for indemnities which, as it now appears, will never be forthcoming, but have initiated to retrieve their former positions.

No Enthusiasm

The sops that have been offered to Hong Kong will not arouse any great enthusiasm. It would have been impossible to make out a case for repayment by this afflicted Colony of the costs of re-occupying it and organizing the Military Administration. It would have been just as logical to bill Hong Kong for a share of the expenses of the British Pacific Fleet and of Lord Mountbatten's South-East Asian Army. The million-pounds granted to assist the Colony in re-occupying and rebuilding, arising out of expenditure connected with the war, could perhaps best be placed, at the disposal of the War Memorial Fund, which will plainly be inadequate, on the basis of voluntary contributions alone, to meet present and future needs for the relief of war victims and their dependents. The interest-free loan of three million pounds "for the construction of a modern airport of international standard" calls for separate comment.

In the first place, as far as I have been able to learn, it will be impossible to construct a modern airport, with runways of sufficient length to land large four-engine planes, for less than five to ten million pounds. Presumably, therefore, Hong Kong would have to raise another loan or loans of several million pounds (\$2,000,000 to \$12,000,000). The estimated cost of operating the Civil Aviation Department for the financial year 1948-9 is \$745,989. The Budget, as printed, estimates the total revenues of the Airport at \$452,400 (compared with \$201,200 for 1947-8). The more than

100 per cent. increase is attributed to "increased demand" and "increased fees." But, as will be seen, the deficit still amounts to \$293,589.

Hong Kong, therefore, is already giving a substantial subsidy to air services which should be regarded not merely as a local but as a Commonwealth responsibility. No doubt some of the capital outlay of the new airport could be recovered by the sale of Kaitak. But, as the latest Annual Report of the Colony puts it, "Hong Kong is a most important link in the network of post-war aviation." It would be as logical to make the City of London or Bournemouth financially responsible for the aerodromes at Croydon or Heathrow or Poole as to saddle Hong Kong with the entire financial burden of an airport which is a link in the imperial airways system. Even omitting strategic considerations, Hong Kong might reasonably claim that its projected modern airport should be an Empire—not a local—problem.

The grant of a quarter of a million pounds to Hong Kong University is the only feature of the London plan which can be regarded as a gift to the Colony. One may hope that it will set a precedent for grant from other parts of the Empire, and that in due course Hong Kong will become a centre of higher learning in the Far East. The need for qualified doctors, dentists, engineers, and architects is a very pressing one, and it may be suggested that for some time to come, at any rate, the energies of the University Faculty should be concentrated on professional training, rather than arts or literature.

The Platts-Mills Bomb

Not many members of the Socialist Party have been thrown out for deviating from the party line.

Sir Stafford Cripps was one—but he was readmitted. D. N. Pritt was another—and he's still outside.

The latest is John Faithful Fortescue Platts-Mills, the 41-year-old, 6ft. 2in. M.P. for Finsbury.

Platts-Mills is a barrister. "As nice a man as you could wish to meet," some say of him in the courts. But the things that man says...

He signed the telegram to the Soviet Union. Some say he is a non-communist. "I'm a modest man," he claims. The trouble is that this is only the latest of a long series of statements and actions which have aroused the leaders of his party to fury.

He was among those who sent a similar wire of encouragement to thephony People's Congress in Berlin. This congress was organised by the Russian Communists, and was as big a fake as the Socialist Unity Party of Eastern Germany, which is purely Communist.

The things he says seem so outrageous that it is hard to know whether Platts-Mills is an innocent lamb or a ravening political wolf. For example, in 1946 he said:

"This peace-time summer has been marked by the loss of more lives in the world as a direct consequence of British foreign policy than has gone before."

For that Mr. Attlee gave him a pretty strong hint that his presence in the party was no longer desirable. Mr. McGovern called him a "political babe who should not be in the House," but

The friction with Russia over Berlin has continued and is now matched by a similar friction over Vienna. The situation at the two capitals is clearly parallel. Russia wants to expel the West from Berlin, and to make it as uncomfortable as she can. She finds the process rewarding for each point that we lose in the game. lowers our prestige throughout Europe. "We" for this purpose means all the three Western Powers.

When one power or group of powers puts ever-increasing pressure on another, a point must be reached eventually where the victims can endure it no longer. They have then to make the fateful decision—shall they stand and fight, or shall they capitulate?

The aggressive Power has also to decide—shall it risk war by continuing its pressure, or shall it aim to extort all it can while avoiding the final test? We are steadily approaching that point in Europe now, and it is not premature to examine where the two sides each stand in relation to it. It is commonly said that neither is ready to face war. Is that true?

Let us first see what the stake amounts to. What would follow if we capitulated without fighting on the issue of Berlin and Vienna? Surely the complete loss of our influence in Europe. In Berlin there are some millions of Germans whom the Americans and British have taught to look to them and to brave Russian displeasure. In Vienna the population is far smaller, yet its fate has great significance because on the basis of free elec-

tions Austria has set up a democratic Government—the only one now left in Central Europe.

It may be said that militarily Berlin and Vienna are for us indefensible outposts, and that, if it came to war, the Russians would take them anyhow. That may be; but it is one thing to defend a trust and be temporarily beaten and quite another to abandon it without resistance, throwing your clients to the wolves. In the first case you do not necessarily forfeit the world's confidence. In the second you do. It must never be forgotten that the Convent's day of re-ardian is very different from our own. For us it is a danger of bombing.

By Scrutator

link, not of invasion. The Convent's dread being actually overrun by Russian troops. They know that they could not resist them without Anglo-American aid; and, if they saw America and Britain running away from their responsibility, they would lose no time before running away from them. America and Britain. It would be a case of a bare, indefensible island lying alone off a hostile Continent.

What Are The Odds?

Thus the stake that is being played for at Berlin and Vienna is, when you get down to it, nothing less than the main one—shall Western Europe remain on our side, or shall it be added to the aggressive Russian Empire? Affecting as it does our own existence, we are bound, if the choice comes to be between fighting for it and surrendering it, to fight. Only one thing might alter our decision—knowledge that fighting was beyond our power.

What then are the fighting odds between the two combinations? The Westerners have the advantage in regard to the atomic bomb, and a qualitative, though not a quantitative, advantage in regard to aircraft. The Russians have an overwhelming advantage in regard to ground troops and equipment, and those that might become available in a year or eighteen months, but those that could be brought to bear right away in the early weeks. And these in a modern war we have twice seen to be decisive, if not of final victory, at least of a long lead for a number of years.

The atomic bomb might perhaps prove the ultimate winner, but there are many limits to its use. It can be employed in enemy countries, but not in allied countries; thus America might drop it on Moscow or Odessa, but not on a Russian army which had occupied France. So it would probably be part of Russia's strategy to occupy hastily as much of Western Europe as she could, in order not only to obtain short-distance bases for bombing Britain, but also to quarter the flow of her armies on soils where they would be immune from atomic attack.

Western Weakness

It is at this point that the immediate military weakness of Britain and America creates a serious foreign policy such a serious problem. America's goes back to the very marrow of victory, when to the popular slogan "Bring the boys home!" her mighty Army was rapidly dissolved. Taught by 1919-20, we in Britain were at first, more prudent—but in the years that have followed economic pressure and the politics of the Labour Left Wing have reduced us to no better a position. If a campaign started in Germany and Austria tomorrow, the two nations could not find for it more than about ten divisions with very limited immediate reserves. It is widely surmised that the Russian equivalent would be about 100 divisions, with immediate reserves of another 100. No one is better qualified to weigh the effects of such an inequality than Mr. Churchill, who explains why the United States is relinquishing its position; it also probably explains why in the matter of the air collision Great Britain was reduced to what seemed pusillanimity.

And Russia? Two policies lie open to her—the first to wait till she has drawn a level on the atomic side; the second to snatch the immediate advantage of her temporary, enormous non-atomic superiority. Her rape of Czechoslovakia suggested she had chosen the latter, for that country is the ideal prey, for concentrating her invasion troops, and the otherwise purposeless rape would enable her to do so behind an iron curtain. No likelier motive having been suggested, this one with all its ominous implications—must still be taken very seriously indeed.

NEW GOVERNOR

London, Apr. 29.—Robert Duncan Harris, a Scottish-born, appointed Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Windward Islands, the Colonial Office announced tonight.

WHAT THE CHINESE PRESS IS SAYING

Sing Tao Jih Pao: We cannot remain silent on the execution of the four boys at Shumchun. The boys were not more than 17 years old. Even if they were guilty of the charges alleged, there was no lawful ground for imposing the death penalty.

Even if they were really members of the Communist "Devils Brigade," as alleged, but had not taken part in an armed uprising they could have been treated as spies and given a trial. There is no justification for their summary execution.

Unless there is a war in progress and the circumstances are such that urgency forbids delay, no organisation or armed body should be invested with authority to impose the death penalty.

The above remarks are made from a legal point of view. Morally speaking, the manner in which the four teenage boys met their death is indeed shocking.

honour an undertaking, or there is not? One way or the other, the mind of somebody at a high level should have been made up by this time, and a hint given. It is not surprising that most of the "640" suspect they are to be cheated.

One can only imagine the feelings of the parents and guardians of the four boys.

It is commonly known that the Chinese press is full of understanding of procedure and of the various organisations. As a result they frequently go beyond the law and against reason.

We have now a Constitutional Government. The most important part of the Constitution is the section on Protection of Human Rights.

We urge the authorities concerned to investigate thoroughly the execution of the four students and make a public statement.

As the same time we wish to see the need for intensive training of subordinate Government and Army staffs in lawful practices and moral principles.

Deplorable

Hua Hsiang Pao: The summary execution of the four students at Shumchun is deplorable. Even according to the Rebellion Suppression Law and the National Emergency Law, the shooting of the four boys without trial is wholly unwarranted. In addition, the people supporting him are numerous.

With all this backing, we are certain his election will bear fruit. He is not a man of words but of action.

boys at Shumchun, the authorities themselves have broken the law.

Li Tsung-Jen

Sing Tao Jih Pao: The election of General Li Tsung-Jen as China's first Constitutional Vice-President indeed reflects the feelings of the whole nation.

According to China's new Constitution, the post of Vice-President has no power. Therefore, many regard the post as being of no importance.

They, however, forget that during his six-year term, the Vice-President is liable to be called upon at any moment to act in the President's absence. This is where the importance of the Vice-President's post comes in.

General Li Tsung-Jen is well known as an advocate for reforming the administration, for eliminating corrupt and inefficient personnel and employing progressive and enlightened staffs.

General Li is known for his sincerity and progressiveness. The position he holds today is not one to which he has been appointed. Behind him he has more than 1,000 Assembly representatives who elected him. In addition, the people supporting him are numerous.

General Li himself comes from the farm. He has a deep understanding of the masses and their hardships and problems. We are certain he will stand by the masses.

An Offence

Wah Kiu Yat Po: Three years have passed since the Japanese troops, having been expelled from China, were ordered to leave the country. During the three years many reports have been published about the "dreams" that the Japanese still cherish.

Recent entry into Chinese territorial waters by Japanese fishing boats, and the Japanese navy's refusal to abandon their former attitude.

Almost every day strange fishing boats appear off Taiwan, without any signs of identification.

The territorial waters of any nation is protected by International Law. Any unauthorised craft entering Chinese waters can be seized by the Chinese authorities. Japan is a defeated nation. Since the Peace Treaty with Japan has not yet been signed, despite the end of hostilities, the entry of Japanese vessels into Chinese territorial waters is an offence.

The Chinese authorities should take action and seize the craft wherever they are found in Chinese waters.

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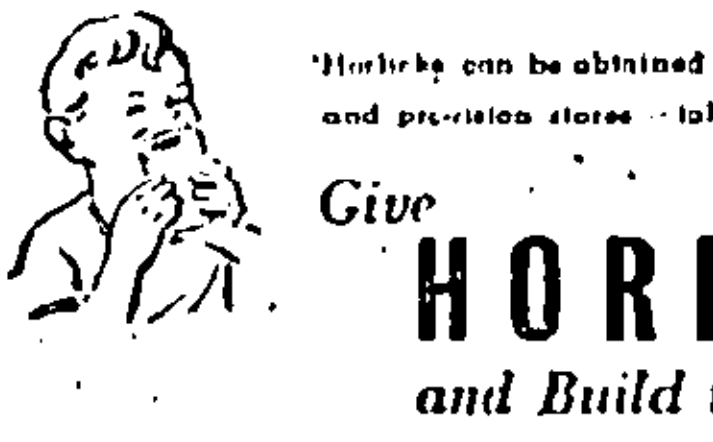
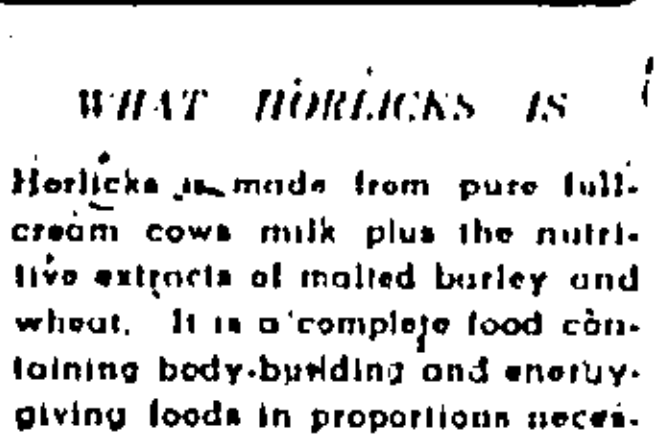
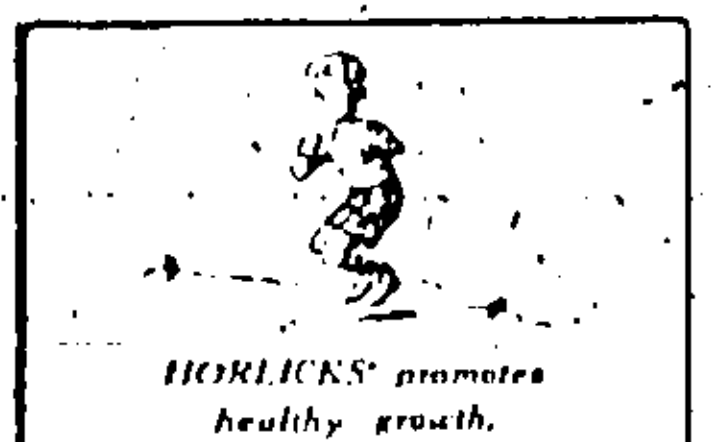
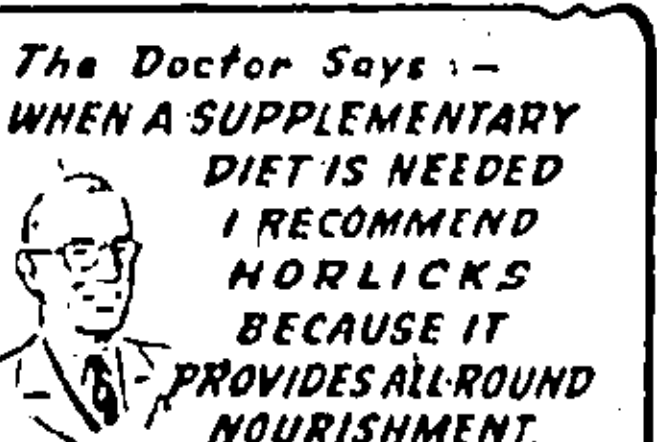
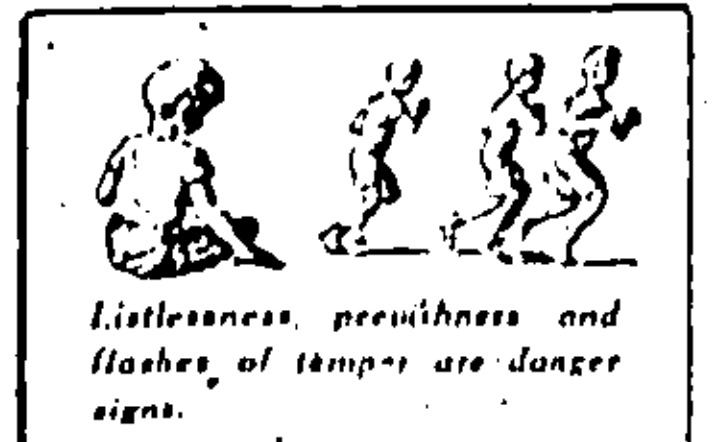
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A JOINT GENERAL STAFF United Defence Against Red Menace Western Union's Precautions

London, Apr. 30. The military chieftains of Great Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg, meeting in the deepest secrecy, today established a Joint General Staff to plan united defence against any attack by Soviet Russia.

The new General Staff, formally called the Permanent Military Committee of the five nations, will examine common defence problems of the five countries under the new Brussels treaty.

U.S. Pact With Italy Explained

Washington, Apr. 30. Willard Thorp, assistant U.S. Secretary of State told the U.S. Senate Foreign Affairs Subcommittee today that the treaty of friendship, commerce and navigation signed with Italy last February attempts to protect American journalists and business men abroad.

The treaty changes seek to give Americans the same treatment which a country gives to its own people and corporations and prevent aliens from being singled out for unfavourable treatment in the case of nationalisation as well as guard American investors from unfair competition by state monopolies. Associated Press.

The Defence Ministers, Chiefs of Staff and aides attended two meetings, at which the first steps toward building a half-work against Russian aggression was taken.

It was the biggest and most important military conference held in Western Europe since the end of the war.

Article four of the Brussels treaty, under which the Joint General Staff was formed, provides that the five signatory powers give one another all military and other aid and assistance in their power if any one of them is "subject to armed attack in Europe." Such an attack could only come from Russia.

Montgomery?

It was indicated that members of the General Staff have not been named yet, though Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, was mentioned as probable Supreme Commander.

Formation of the Staff was announced in a communique issued after the meeting. It was believed the first work of the new Joint Staff would be:

1. Prepare a report to the United States on land and air strength which will be available for defence in Western Europe and equipment which will be needed. The United States would be asked to provide much of the equipment.

2. Study and make recommendations for standardization of weapons, equipment, training methods, exchange of Military Academy cadets and joint use of air and sea bases.

Naval Chiefs

The meetings were held at the official home of the Foreign Secretary (Mr. Ernest Bevin), although he was not present.

The British Defence Minister (Mr. A. V. Alexander) was host. Besides Mr. Alexander and Lord Montgomery, British delegates at the meeting included Admiral Sir John H. D. Cunningham, First Sea Lord and Chief of the Naval Staff, Marshal of the RAF Lord Tedder, Chief of the Air Staff, and Lt-Gen. Sir Leslie Hollis, deputy Military Secretary to the Cabinet. United Press.

Germans Warned Of Cuts

Frankfurt, Apr. 30. Germans in the Anglo-American Zones were warned tonight that unless they took immediate steps to raise their "disappointing" export level, imports would have to be cut by mid-summer.

Statistics released by the Joint Export-Import Agency showed bilateral exports dropped more than £2,500,000 in March - from February's £9,303,523 to £6,800,631.

Mr. John Logan, Director General of the Agency, broadcasting over German stations, said: "Your exports are not rising fast enough. We are spending money on imports faster than we receive dollars earned from exports."

He reminded his listeners that Germany was to benefit by the European recovery programme and the American Government was taking measures to enable the average German to buy fruit, vegetables, tobacco, coffee and other items above the austerity level.

The Benelux countries, Britain, France, Switzerland and the United States were the largest purchasers of manufactured goods from the Blzone during March. Coal headed the list of exports. Reuter.

TREASURY NOTES ON SALE

Shanghai, Apr. 30. The Central Bank of China today began the sale of 1948 short-term National Treasury Notes in the Government's determined bid to absorb idle funds and prevent speculative market activities.

Today's initial offerings, which will mature after only one month, were sold at a discount of 12.7 per cent. As these notes are redeemable after one month at 55% of the total interest, thus amounts to almost 20% per month. Scrip is in five denominations - ten million, fifty million, one hundred million, five hundred million and one thousand million Chinese dollars. Reuter.

PERSIA SEEKS NEW CREDIT

Washington, Apr. 29. The United States is studying a request by Persia for a new credit of about \$10,000,000, the State Department disclosed today. This amount was sought for packing, repacking and shipping equipment which Persia requisitioned from American surplus stocks in Europe and America under the \$10,000,000 credit granted in February. Reuter.

Japan Peace Settlement

Canberra, Apr. 29. Dr. Herbert Evatt, Minister for External Affairs, declared in the House of Representatives yesterday that though there had been differences between the United States and the Soviet Union on procedure, "I do not think there are any obstacles at all to preclude the calling of a peace settlement with Japan."

"The only difficulty stems from the general relationship existing between the United States and the Soviet Union," he said. "The British Empire countries held, and Australia and the United Kingdom still hold, that a peace settlement should be negotiated with Japan and that there are no special difficulties which interfere with a European settlement." Reuter.

Stassen Plan For Bases

Providence, Rhode Island, Apr. 30. Harold E. Stassen said tonight the US should set up joint military bases and work out joint plans of defense with other countries in the United Nations - especially the Western European nations bound by the Brussels pact.

The Republican Presidential candidate told a meeting of Party workers that the method for prompt consultation and immediate counter-action in emergencies should be included. "No veto should be permitted and neither should the action or decision of one blind or control the others."

Such a programme, he declared, could be worked out within the UN charter.

Stassen did not mention Russia but said the US should specifically invite England, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg. Associated Press.

JAP MISSION TO INDIA

New Delhi, Apr. 30. The first Japanese trade mission to visit India since the end of the war is expected in Calcutta on Saturday.

Sponsored by the Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers in Japan, the mission consists of two SCAP representatives and four Japanese business men representing cotton, jute and textile and other machinery interests. Reuter.

FABULOUS JEWELS AT INDUSTRIES FAIR

(By Geraldine Hill)

London, Apr. 30. For a few minutes today I felt as rich as Doris Duke.

A million pounds of diamonds sparked before me and in my hand I clutched the world's largest uncut diamond, as big as a hen's egg.

Big diamonds and small diamonds, pink, blue, green and amber diamonds, rough diamonds and small diamonds like pieces of washing soda, worth a dozen fortunes. It was the most valued and rare diamond collection ever seen.

There was a miniature spiral staircase encrusted with 1,000 brilliants that glittered like lights on a Christmas tree. Ten uncut little stones shone like pebbles on the beach but, unlike pebbles, were valued at £50,000.

Diamond watches, bracelets, clips, engagement rings and a diamond necklace of water-clear gems - worth £35,000 - were there on view a few days before Americans and European buyers see them.

It was a preview of the fabulous collection which will be displayed at the British Industries Fair, opening next Monday. Diamonds are one of Britain's greatest dollar-earners.

Last year, the sale of diamonds to the United States fetched US\$50,000,000 and this year British diamond exports are putting on the most magnificent diamond display they can to tempt American buyers.

Beautiful, but not for sale, are pieces from Princess Elizabeth's personal jewel box: a diamond necklace of 21 flawless stones each (not more than 1/1000th of an ounce bigger than its neighbour).

Perfect Necklace

Given to Elizabeth on her 21st birthday by the Union of South Africa, the necklace is the most perfect of its kind in the world.

A flame lily brooch, an exquisite example of floral craftsmanship, was presented to Princess Elizabeth by children of Southern Rhodesia, during the

Proposals For Japan Economy

Washington, Apr. 30. A "minimum" restriction on the Japanese manufacturing industry, compatible with security, is advocated in a report issued today by Dr. Edward Ackerman, who was a special consultant attached to the National Resources Section of General MacArthur's Headquarters in Japan.

He advocated Allied action, "not indulgent but understanding," to strengthen Japan's economy and raise her living standards.

In a series of recommendations, Dr. Ackerman said Japan should be granted reasonable access to foreign markets for manufactured goods and effective technical assistance should be available.

He said that the reparations programme should not apply pressure to Japan food resources, forests or metal mining industry, and should not draw heavily on current production which demands metals, woods and fibres in quantity.

"Only by a remedial action to improve the economic situation can we hope that the democratic seeds will fall into a favourable environment," he concluded. Reuter.

The True Answers To Communism

London, Apr. 30. Mr. Anthony Eden told a meeting of financiers and businessmen today that a United Western Europe was the "true answer to Communism" and called for relaxation of controls which hampered the free flow of European trade.

Speaking at the Guildhall, Mr. Eden said Britain's position as the centre of a world Empire did not weaken her role as a member of Western Europe.

Great advantages would accrue to all concerned, said Mr. Eden, if it were possible to agree on plans for the future on colonial trade with France, Belgium and Holland.

"The first step toward revitalizing Europe by the free flow of trade is relaxation of abnormal and insurmountable obstacles in import licences, barter arrangements and Government buying," said Mr. Eden. United Press.

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BETWEEN OURSELVES
SUMMER MORNING STYLES

By **JANET MARTIN**



Summer weather comes, so early for us in this part of the world, that it is difficult to get hold of really advanced fashion styles before our own summer has commenced.

Most of the leading fashion houses have only just finished with their Spring Shows, and it will be some time before we can hope for first reports on the Summer Collections.

Fortunately for us, however, most of the Spring Shows have included one or two indications of things to come for summer, and this week I have made a selection of advance styles in summer morning frocks, which I hope will give you a few new ideas to pass on to your "tailor".

For my illustration, I have chosen an interesting model from a recent Spring Fashion Show held in London. It is made from "Moygashel", a fabric manufactured from flax. This model indicates an entirely new line in the treatment of stripes.

Note especially the perpendicular bands let into the skirt, emphasizing the fullness and giving an illusion of extra width. The wide hem-band cut to give the impression of the popular petticoat trim.

The length for morning's and informal wear seems to have settled into a season at about fourteen inches from the ground, a most suitable length for both grace and convenience.

Stop—Stripes Ahead!

Stripes are well to the fore and there is a splendid collection around the shops in the Colony for you to choose from. The narrow stripes are favourite, for the fuller skirts afford ample scope for original ideas in cutting and arrangement.

Here is an idea for a cotton frock in narrow-striped material. The original is in a fabric manufactured from flax. The skirt is simply cut with a tail and waist top, inset belt at the waist and moderately gathered skirt with a short gathered basque to match. The basque may be stitched onto a belt, if desired, so that the frock may be worn without the basque for a change.

The special note of originality in this model is the penny spots of plain blue material, applied

At a recent Spring Fashion Show held in London, the model shown were in "Moygashel", a fabric manufactured from flax. Garments of this attractive material are already being exported to many parts of the world. This picture shows a new Spring model in "Moygashel".

It is a very simple design, but it is very effective. The skirt is simply cut with a tail and waist top, inset belt at the waist and moderately gathered skirt with a short gathered basque to match. The basque may be stitched onto a belt, if desired, so that the frock may be worn without the basque for a change.

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TO TAN OR NOT TO TAN?

By **CLAUDIA**

Hot, sunny days, not very far ahead now, will soon be setting us that annual problem to tan or not to tan. It's just as well to make up our minds now, and decide well before hand what we are going to do about it.

Of course, for some lucky people, there really isn't any problem to solve. They just go out into the sun two or three times and come back delightfully tanned to a lovely shade of golden brown which will remain with them as long as the sunshine lasts.

Unfortunately for most of us, we are not so lucky. The fairer skin, or the finer textured, the more important our problem becomes.

Fashion in beauty have given us a guide this year. The heavy tan is definitely "out", indeed, some of the most famous film stars have been criticised for acquiring a healthy tan at the expense of a weatherbeaten skin. And the medical profession have been heard to remind us that the ideal course is moderation in everything, including sunshine. No matter how beneficial the sun, the air and the sea, which we all love, too much sun can be harmful.

Fashion Fair

From the point of view of beauty, which is my main concern, the best advice I can give is this... If you are very fair of skin and scorch easily, the game of trying to get tanned just isn't worth the candle.

Keep out of the sun when you can, and use a good protective cream on any exposed parts of the skin. Your fair skin is a precious asset, to be cherished and protected.

When you do go swimming, see to it that you cover arms, legs, face and back with your protective cream or lotion. If you wish, you can use a waterproof cream tinted to a delicate suntan shade, but at all costs, use plenty.

In between the fair, untannable skin and the skin which tans in a day, are a host of intermediates, skins which can, with varying degrees of difficulty, achieve a creditable tan.

If you are going to make the beach your playground this summer, start now, and get your skin accustomed to the air before the sunshine becomes really strong. A little suntan oil will keep the skin supple so that the combined elements do not dry it up, and later on, will keep the fierceness of the sun's rays at bay. There are several excellent makes to choose from, though if your skin is very dry, you may prefer to use pure olive oil or almond oil.

Easy Does It!

Take your sun gradually, in small doses at first and you will find it so very much easier to tan without tears and without going through the untoward process of lobster and "red Indian" stages.

To avoid the weatherbeaten look, your skin will need an extra dose of nourishing emollient cream, patting in every night and left on the skin for a quarter of an hour or twenty minutes. Too much sun, even on a strong skin, will eventually cause fine lines and wrinkles, unless its drying effect is counteracted with oil during exposure and soothing creams afterwards.

So, when you go out to enjoy the sun, remember these golden rules: Take your sun in small doses at first. Protect your skin before and afterwards. And, last, but by no means least, be sure to dry all the salt water off your skin, after bathing.

The salt in the seawater, if left on the skin, causes irritation which is usually blamed on the sun.

It's so easy to underestimate the sun. See to it that this year you take his measure. Then you can go ahead and enjoy yourself.

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Best foot forward
 MEDICAL statistics have shown, in the past, that there are more women with misshapen feet than men. One of the main reasons for this, a Canadian doctor pointed out recently, is that women wear the wrong height in heels. Dr. Benjamin Kauff, head of the Podiatry Society's Foot Care Institute in Canada, gives these pointers to general foot health: High heels: The forward thrust of high heels can do things to both feet and posture. For one thing, it may crumple the big toe and contribute to annoyances like bunions, corns and calluses. Moreover, it tends to throw the body forward at an abnormal angle, causing a compensating backward movement which might encourage curvature of the spine. Excessive wearing of high heels may shorten calf muscles, considerably through their disuse. The answer to all these ills is not to dispense with high heels, since the requirements of fashion and good looks make any such solution impossible. The answer is rather not to wear high heels all the time.

Cotton Collection

Another happy choice, for the girl who likes the full skirt, is made from cotton print in a tiny flower-spot pattern. The bodice is cut long, to about an inch-and-a-half below the natural waist and shaped closely to the figure. The skirt is cut in a wide, lapped square, and the buttons right down the front to the bottom of the bodice with tiny boot buttons. The wide skirt is gathered into the below-waist line of the bodice. The whole effect adds height, and avoids that "dumpy" look so easily resulting from the full skirted styles.

Many collections display the frilly styles as much a feature of the look. Cotton is one of the best mediums for crisp frills, so if the little-girl look suits you, you will want to have at least one among your summer frocks.

The styles are all very much the same in principle, leaving details to the choice of material, which should be fine, and the choice of design in prints, which should be small and dainty. The ruffles may be of self-material or white organdy and even cotton lace.

Regarding the essentials of this particular style, you must have a wide, lapped skirt, with its full skirt flared at the hem, and within six inches from it. Sleeves may be puffed, plain or of sleeve edged trimmed with frills to match the neck. Underneath, your petticoat... a stiff-frilled cotton petticoat... if it's a quarter of an inch, why so much the better!

No Sudden Changes

Low heels: After wearing nothing but high heels for several weeks, avoid a sudden shift to flats. Such a change could cause a violent stretching of your calf muscles, with unpleasant cramps as the result. At no time are sloppy, flat-house slippers to be recommended where there is any great amount of walking to be done—as in street wear or housework.

Frequent changes from high to low heel shoes are the best possible means of keeping feet and limbs in shape.

The best shoe for maintaining sound bodily posture and health during activities which involve a good deal of walking or standing are all-leather, extend with one and one-half inch heels and with leather soles to provide sufficient support for the foot, together with the flexibility its natural movements require, Dr. Kauff states.

As the average person walks about 70,000 miles during a lifetime, it might be as well to give these hints some attention. Seventy thousand miles is an mighty long way.

PETTICOAT PARADE

A quite proper description of the clothes you are wearing this Sunday is "petticoat-pretty." And, literally, every body is wearing 'em, too.

But who wore the first petticoat over in history? The first petticoat, it seems, was seen in Egypt—a transparent overskirt with short shiffr underneath—dyed in gay colours. THE FIRST USE of the term "petticoat" is in the Middle Ages. It was literally "a pet" or "a little" and was worn by both men and women. Men wore a "petticoat" over their coat of mail.

The "petticoat" is a sort of cage worn under the petticoat—really a forerunner of the hoop-skirt, or corset of the nineteenth century—was worn by the women.

They were forbidden by law to wear lacy petticoats more than six yards in circumference. Women of colour, immediately after the law, and therefore the "petticoat" was born.

England; quilted petticoats in America.

The Directorate Period was one of "transparent garments and nudity" early "Victorians" took them back, widened the petticoats to "crinolines," Empress Eugenie revived the hoop.

Flannel And Frills

Flannel petticoats were worn, woollens and stripes were vogue, the outer one became a show-piece and was "cut" through a wide opening cut at the dress front.

The golden age of petticoats came with the Gai Nineties—when the Con-Can was the rage in Paris. "Teasing flounces" were seen beneath tall, crinolines. THE FLORIDA STATE PETTICOAT were also lined with fluffs, PLUSH petticoats. "Princess" slips were three to five yards wide.

Then in 1910 Paul Poiret designed the straight silhouette, raised the waistline, and the petticoat died.

Since the petticoat was one of the chief items that kept the cotton industry booming back in the good old days, they say, thank goodness, the art of lifting a petticoat up the steps of a doorway is getting to be the familiar gesture again.

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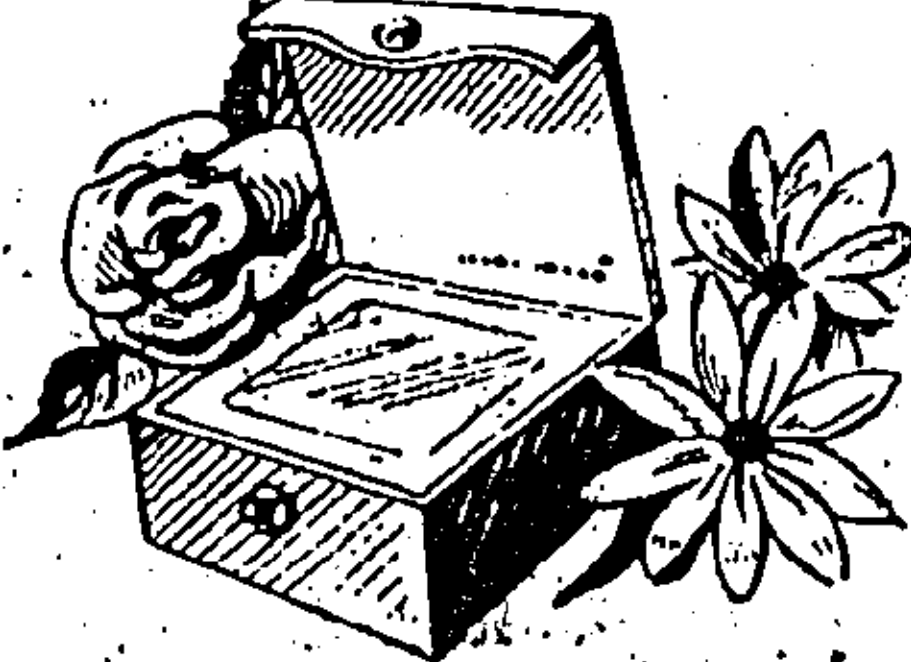
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Between Ourselves: Continued from Page 16

DO YOU FEAR THE THIRTIES?

Alan Marshall, world-famous author and social writer, presents this analysis of the woman who has reached "The Thirties".

The modern woman, provided she has benefited by the lessons of her youth, has learned that the thirties are the years of greatest fascination.

A girl of twenty has many doubts concerning her charm and her ability to attract people; the matured woman in her thirties has no such doubts. She has left behind her many failures for which she knows the reason, and many successes, the formula for which she can repeat.

She that meets men with assurance, knowing that beneath a smooth veneer of civility is a person subject to doubts and indecisions and uncertainties.

The shikari self-consciousness that hampered her in her youth and made her stumble in her conversation has now given way to an undisturbed confidence. She is not vexed by well built men with perfect teeth and flashing smiles.

She knows that fundamentally they are the same as any other man—glib, susceptible to flattery.

The restless hunger of youth often leads girls into blunders that result in them clutching their pillow and tossing with indignation after they get into bed at night.

"I wish I hadn't said that," "Why did I give him the lance to stab me?"

These regrets rarely trouble the woman in her thirties who has found wisdom.

Really happy women are quieter, more tranquil than the discontented ones who talk rapidly, laugh immediately, never listening very long to any conversation that doesn't come from them to whom they are attracted.

In the thirties women become more natural. Naturalness cannot be praised too highly. A natural woman will say charming things without a moment's hesitation. She will pay a tribute to a man without feeling that he might suspect her of chasing him.

It is only when girls are young that they are too self-conscious to pay a sincere compliment to a man.

A woman in her thirties is not subject to the embarrassments caused by small mistakes. She can drop a knife when dining in company without feeling that everyone present regards her as clumsy.

She realizes that being "correct" is often a sign of inexperience; that the easy, natural manner is often the most attractive.

She never worries over the fact that in a moment she will be introduced to a room full of people. She doesn't fidget self-consciously when many people are looking at her or try to creep into some corner where she can sit unnoticed.

She realizes the value of being simple, spontaneous, impulsive, affectionate—in a word, human. Such people are hard to find. Clever people and dull people are common enough; very often both these descriptions apply to the same person.

Yet with a wealth of happiness and new experiences spread before them, many women enter the thirties with dread. To such women these years that can be so fascinating suggest a decline in charm, a period marked by failure to get a husband (if they are single), a stage in which desperate measures must be taken to preserve their looks.

Instead of making the thirties a triumphant stage in life's journey, they turn it into a gloomy doorway to middle age.

Detail and drapery

The London Spring dress collections show that in spite of the recent hullabaloo, the New Look is here to stay and the hem for day wear has dropped to ten or eleven inches from the ground in many cases.



1. Detail is important, as each designer gives his interpretation of the "Look". Here a collar which wraps high, is laced over handkerchief fashion and fastened by two slotted tabs. The low-placed pocket is slotted echo fashion.

2. Detail is seen again in a long striped tunic which buttons down the side and has wrist-length striped gloves to match.

3. Drapery is all important. Here an Elizabethan doublet comes to a point over a gracefully draped skirt.

4. Jackets are shorter, some as short as this monkey jacket, which fastens with four large buttons and has a seam which runs from the rounded revers on the bodice down the side of the sleeves.

5. Plants are treated in a dozen different ways. Here knife-edged plants on the back of a skirt disappear beneath a gentle wrap over and form the only relief on an otherwise plain skirt.

6. Drapery is seen again on an afternoon frock in chalk-white splashed over grey-blue rayon. The long bodice buttons curve over to one hip, the drapery of the skirt swings out to the right.

—EDNA McKENNA.



AT YOUR FINGERTIPS
 by VICTOR MANAK

I have to use a lot of rouge to color my cheeks to get it just right. Can you give me a general idea of the most common errors made in applying rouge?—BLONDIE.

Using too much—leaving the cheeks too sharply defined—placing the rouge either too low or too high on the temples.

I have read several times about the advantages and disadvantages of the different types of rouge? Which do you advise?

For a more harmonious effect, I always advise the use of moist rouge because it is soluble in water. Anyone who has ever dabbed in water colours, crayons or oil paints knows that soft, subtle effects are more easily obtained with water colours. Moist rouge definitely offers unlimited opportunities for make-up artistry. It is far easier to blend on the skin, and is more natural, since it has the effect of appearing in the skin rather than on it. It also lasts longer. It is best applied with a moistened sponge, and it must always be used before powdering. Moist Rouge blends best with Cake Make-up.

The outside edges of my lips are very uneven, and in winter they crack. Lipstick runs up these cracks and makes a most untidy outline. In summer, it is not so bad, but the cracks are still there. What should I do?—ANON.

The "cracks" in the outside edges of your lips suggest that you have a rather dry and sensitive skin, especially around the lips. To correct this condition, put some rich cream on to this area every night, after the usual cleaning routine.

The fact that the lipstick runs up the "cracks" shows that your lipstick is either too oily or you do not "set" it well. Choose a lipstick that is not on the oily side. To "set" your lipstick, first powder your lips lightly, apply lipstick, powder lightly over the lipstick, then blot with tissue, and moisten the lips with your tongue. This sets so that it stays smooth for hours.

My eyelashes are rather colourless but quite long. I wear glasses, and I find that if I use mascara, the lens of the glasses get smudged with it, and it runs down under my

lower lids. What can I do to colour my lashes without smudging?—A.K.

It seems you do not give your mascara a chance to dry thoroughly before putting on your glasses. If the mascara is applied correctly and allowed to dry properly, it should neither smudge your glasses nor run down the lower eyelids.

It also seems that you use mascara rather liberally.

Mascara should always be applied sparingly—just enough to colour the lashes. Let it dry, then rinse the mascara from your brush for a final going-over. In order to separate the lashes that stick together, use a lash comb or a toothpick. Please do not apply mascara to the lower lashes (I hope you do not).

Here is another trick which may help, especially in your case.

PASSED ALONG

The gum-chewing girl And the cud-chewing cow Are somewhat alike, Yet different somehow. And what is the difference? I think I know now. It's the clear, thoughtful look On the face of the cow.

First, a coat of mascara on your upper lashes, and just before it is dry, a light dusting of face powder over that. Then, when the powder is set, go over the lashes with a clean damp brush. Allow the lashes to dry thoroughly. It appears you have identically long lashes—it is only you have to wear glasses.

If you have any beauty problems, send them in to Victor Manak, c/o "Sunday Herald," and they will be answered in these columns.—Ed.

TEA PARTY CHAT

"My dear, whenever I'm down in the dumps I get a new hat." "Darling I've often wondered where you got them?"

Ann Temple Confessions of a Super-Nagger

I think I must be becoming a super-nagger. I know my mind runs ahead of my husband's and my daughter's and I'm inclined to pick them up on things and abstract suggestions.

My husband says I disagree purposely. Just because it's he. My daughter "stuffs up" immediately if I correct her.

This trouble keeps going round in my head all day and causing much unhappiness.—A. G. G.

That's the devil of the housewife job—working so much alone everything does go milling round in her head. And the more things mill the more she slips into self-pity—even self-righteousness.

You need to snap right out of this. At the first sign of that "martyr goodness" it's time to drop back into being a human common or garden sinner. The martyr drives her family crazy.

Pick up for a day and go off and enjoy yourself. Let everything rip. The more they rip the merrier. You won't feel so ready to peck at the others if you have made a real mess-up of their day.

Easy does it—looking at things as they are, instead of always as they should be. Come off the perfection prowl and look for something to enjoy and something to praise. Just looking for

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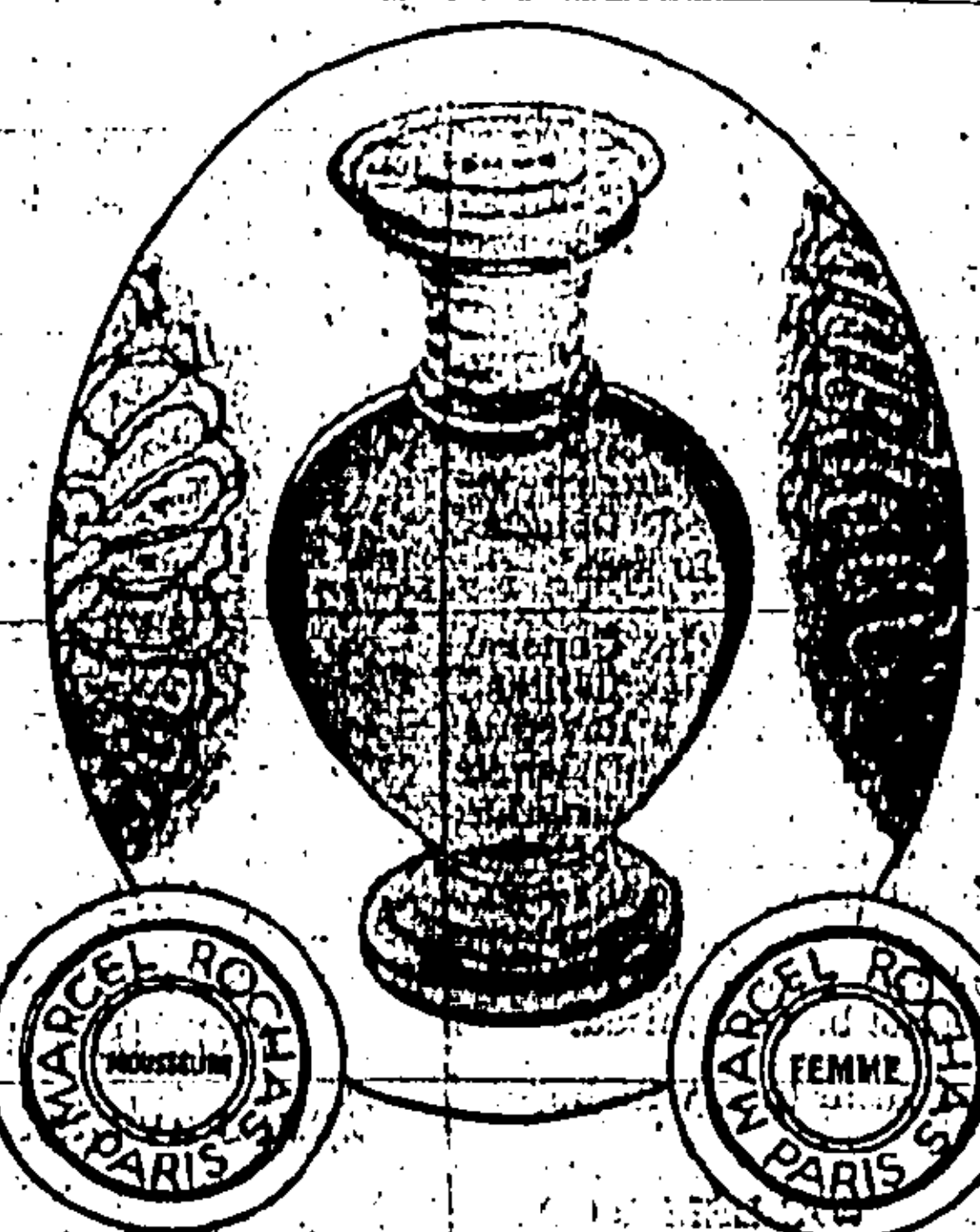
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Arrivals	Sailings
"BOISSEYAIN" from Javaports, 11 May	to South Africa, 16th May, to South America, 20th May.
"STRAAT MALAKKA" from South America, 17th May	to Shanghai, 18th May, to South Africa, 18th May, to South America, 20th May.
"TEGELBERG" from South Africa, 18th May	to South America, 20th May.

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"VAN HEUTSZ" from Amoy, 14th May	to Straits & Belawan, 16th May.
"HEINRICH JESSEN" from Belawan, 16th May	to Swatow & Amoy, 18th May, to Straits & Belawan, 18th May.
"MARIEKERK" from Europe, 18th May	to Europe, 18th May.

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"ALPHACCA" from Japan, 2nd May	to Europe, 4th May.
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Arrivals	Sailings
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ARRIVALS

From	Date	Vessel
Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles	22nd May	m.v. "BALI"
	12th June	m.v. "DONA AURORA"
	Mid. July	m.v. "DONA NATI"

SAILINGS

For	Date	Vessel
Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles	17th June	m.v. "DONA AURORA"
	Mid. June	m.v. "BENGAL"
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San Francisco & Los Angeles	Mid. June	m.v. "HALLAND"

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JAPAN NO MENACE TO CHINA

Consul-General On American Policy

London Stock Exchange

London, Apr. 30. Dollar stocks enjoyed a period of activity in the London stock market today. Canadian Pacific, International Nickel and 21st. Tractions were in small demand and recorded half a point gains.

Other sections were quiet. From the Argentine railway pay-out, while cash from the pay-off of the New South Wales 5½% stock also found its way into this section.

Business in the mining section remained small, but there was some support for Kaffir dividend payers. Coppers were idle but steady.

In the foreign bond market, Chilean and Chinese issues moved slightly higher but foreign utilities, including Argentines and Brazilians scarcely recorded any change.—Reuter.

No Rearmament Of Former Enemy

Shanghai, May 1.

The United States Consul-General, Mr. John Cabot, said that it is a misconception that the United States is re-arming Japan, or that their present policy towards Japan is a menace to China, in an address before the Sino-Foreign Group last evening.

He pointed out that if America wants to respect the Potsdam Declaration, Japan must not be destroyed as a nation and must be permitted to maintain such industries as will sustain her economy.

"We have been particularly criticised, for example, for encouraging the revival of the Japanese textile industry since it would compete with Chinese textiles," Mr. Cabot continued.

"Now, there is practically no textile industry in Japan which would compete with the goods produced by the nations they attacked. Japanese products will also compete with American products, for example, silk competes with nylon. Yet, we are building up Japanese silk exports."

"Of all major Japanese industries, the textile industry is among those which contribute least to the war potential and most to the Japanese export trade."

No U.S. Invasion Of British Studios

London, Apr. 30.

Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, told the House of Commons today that there would be no Hollywood "invasion" of British film studios.

Britain's Exports Of Coal

Hastings, Apr. 30.

Britain has largely overcome the internal shortage of coal which impeded her industrial production a year ago, Mr. Douglas Jay, the Economic Secretary to the Treasury, said today.

Mr. Jay told a meeting that Britain was now exporting coal to more than 20 countries, including North and South America, India and the Far East and most of Europe.

Her steel, shipbuilding and automobile industry were running at all-time records and her total industrial production was 10 per cent higher than before the war—better than can be shown by almost any other European country, which fought in the war.—Reuter.

French Pact With Spain

Paris, Apr. 30.

A one-year trade agreement between France and Spain will be installed in Madrid tomorrow, a spokesman for the French Foreign Office announced tonight.

The precise terms of the treaty, which provides for an exchange of commodities between the two countries, are not yet known, but it is generally expected provision will be made for French tourists to Spain to obtain pesos.

The agreement concludes three-weeks talks in Madrid between French economic experts and the Spanish authorities. It will be formally signed "very shortly," the spokesman said.—Reuter.

Quota For Shipment Of Oil

Washington, Apr. 30.

The quota for shipment of oil products was set by the Commerce Department today at 13,900 barrels for the second quarter of this year. That allows an increase of 38 per cent over the first quarter quota.

The increases, aimed largely at aiding the European Recovery Programme, extend to crude oil and all major products.

Despite the higher figures, the Department said the New York quota continues to reflect the policy of restricting the export of major petroleum products.

It said the quota is less than half the amount set by the European countries as their minimum needs.

The quota figures do not include oil for Japan and the Ryukyus. Quotas for them are to be set later.—Associated Press.

P.I. Talks

Philippine government officials concerned in foreign trade today indicated that several important factors would have to be considered in connection with plans to increase commerce with Japan.

A conference will open at Malacanang on Monday between American officials from Tokyo (headed by Maj. Gen. Daniel N. Hays) and high Philippine officials, including three Cabinet members. Conference will explore the "whole field of Philippine-Japanese trade, with the aim of reaching arrangements to increase volume."

The Commerce Secretary (Mr. Placido Mapa), who will be one of the conference, said "certain conditions should govern trade with Japan. He said increase trade with Japan should not be undertaken at the risk of slowing down the Philippine rehabilitation and industrialization programme."

He said the Philippines must have freedom of choice as to products purchased from Japan and another factor to be considered was determination of an exchange rate.

It was understood the conference would also discuss United States Army procurement needs in general.

Meanwhile, the Philippine Trade Mission in Tokyo, which is a one-man affair, is reportedly to be expanded and elevated to the status of a Consular office, in line with plans to increase trade.—United Press.

U.N. Report On Korea

Seoul, Apr. 30.

The United Nations Korea Commission decided today to move to Tokyo next month to prepare its report to the General Assembly on the period up to the South Korea elections on May 10.

The decision to adjourn to Tokyo was taken because of the "advantages to be gained through a concentration on this phase of its task in some centre removed from Seoul."

The Commission will return to Seoul in the first week of June. Meanwhile, a liaison group will carry on here.—Reuter.

TIN STOCKS

London, Apr. 29. Stocks of tin ore in the United Kingdom decreased 1,062 tons during March from 5,349 on March 1 to 4,287 tons on March 31, the Ministry of Supply reported tonight.—Associated Press.

N.Y. Stock Market

New York, May 1. Stocks slumped on Friday for the second time this week, although favorite oil and steel reached new 1938-higher Wall-Street found labour developments disquieting, with many traders feeling futures already were threatened by possible strike effects.

Transfers totalled 1,440,000 shares. Gainers included Republic Oil, Midcontinent Petroleum, Sinclair Oil, Douglas Aircraft, Lockheed.

Among losers were Chesapeake and Ohio, Baltimore and Ohio, Union Pacific, Phelps Dodge.

Box Jones Averages: Stocks 68.84, 20 Industrials 180.04, 10 Rails 64.15, 10 Utilities 34.08.

Closing Stock Quotations: Adams Express 18, Alaska Juneau 3.40, American Can 85, American Smelting 52.50, American Telephone 185.75, American Waterworks 7.75, Anaconda Copper 30.40, Aviation Corp. 6.40, Baldwin Locomotive 14, Barnard 40.50, Bendis Aviation 50.40, Calumet 43, Commercial, Republic 25.75, Corn Products 68, DuPont 17.40, Eastman Kodak 43.50, Electric Light & Power 19, General Electric 48.50, General Motors 40.50, Goodrich 51.75, Goodyear 48.50, Household Motors 39.50, International Harvester 93.50, International Paper 66.50, International Tel. & Tel. 12.50, Johns-Manville 37.50, Kennecott Copper 54.50, Montgomery Ward 67.50, National Distillers 19, National Lead 15.50, Packard-McCormack 4.50, Pan-American Airways 9.50, Pennsylvania R.R. 10, Radio Corp. 10.40, Rent Slick 18.50, Republic Steel 21.50, Reynolds Tobacco 37, Schenley 23.50, Sears Roebuck 64.50, Shell Oil 19.50, Socomey Vacuum 19.50, Southern Copper 64, Standard Brands 20.50, Standard Oil of Calif. 61, Standard Oil of N.Y. 78.50, Standard Oil of Ind. 84.50, Union Carbide 112.50, U.S. Rubber 42.50, U.S. Steel 75.50, U.S. Lines 18.50, Westinghouse 20, Youngstown Sheet & Tube 74.50, Gen. Pub. Utilities 12.50.—Associated Press.

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"SINKANG" Singapore 5 p.m. 3rd May	"SINKANG" Singapore 5 p.m. 3rd May
"SINKANG" Amoy, Fuzhou, & Shanghai 10 a.m. 4th May	"SINKANG" Amoy, Fuzhou, & Shanghai 10 a.m. 4th May
"SINKANG" Swatow, Saigon, & Hongkong 10 a.m. 12th May	"SINKANG" Swatow, Saigon, & Hongkong 10 a.m. 12th May
"HUNAN" Amoy, Tientsin, & Inchon 10 a.m. 13th May	"HUNAN" Amoy, Tientsin, & Inchon 10 a.m. 13th May

ARRIVALS FROM	Arrivals
"FENGTEI" Singapore 7 a.m. 5th May	"FENGTEI" Singapore 7 a.m. 5th May
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Arrivals from	Arrivals
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HK AIRWAYS ex-Shanghai 3 p.m. ex-Canton 10.55 a.m. 1.15 p.m. 3.35 p.m. 5.55 p.m.

BOAC ex-Southeastern via Bangkok 8 a.m.

TOMORROW

CNAC ex-Shanghai 10.45 a.m. ex-Nanking, Hankow, Hongkong, Kweilin, Canton 6.20 p.m. ex-Amoy, Tientsin, Swatow 6.30 p.m. ex-Amoy via Swatow 12.55 p.m. ex-Canton 6.20 p.m. 7.45 p.m.

BOAC ex-Shanghai 6 p.m. AIR FRANCE ex-Hanoi via Haiphong 11.30 a.m.

CATY PACIFIC ex-Macao 8.50 a.m. CATY ex-Shanghai 10.55 a.m.

HK AIRWAYS ex-Canton 10.55 a.m. 1.15 p.m. 3.35 p.m. 5.55 p.m.

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Departures

TODAY

CNAC for Amoy via Swatow, Tientsin 8.30 a.m. for Amoy via Swatow 7 a.m. for Canton 1.15 p.m. 3 p.m.

CATY for Shanghai 10 a.m. CATY PACIFIC for Macao 9 a.m.

HK AIRWAYS for Canton 9 a.m. 11.25 a.m. 1.40 p.m. 4 p.m.

BOAC for Southampton via Bangkok 2 a.m.

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TOMORROW

CNAC for Shanghai 11.45 a.m. for Canton via Canton, Swatow, Amoy, Fuzhou 7.30 a.m. for Canton 1.15 p.m. 3 p.m.

BOAC for Shanghai 10 a.m. CATY for Macao 7.30 a.m.

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TUESDAY

CNAC for Shanghai 11.45 a.m. for Canton via Canton, Swatow, Amoy, Fuzhou 7.30 a.m. for Canton 1.15 p.m. 3 p.m.

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Swatow, 10 a.m. Shanghai, 10 a.m.

MONDAY, MAY 3

Closing Times by Air: Canton (Kowloon C.P.O.) 7.30 a.m. 10 a.m. 12.30 p.m. (G.P.O.) 9.00 a.m. Noon, 2.30 p.m. Airmail for Shanghai (Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 10 a.m. 12.30 p.m.

Shipping Intelligence

Shipping Arrivals

YESTERDAY

ALPHACCA (R.L.L.) Dutch, from Japan, 11.15 a.m.

HIRAN (Thorensen) from New York, 11.15 a.m.

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Academic Reaction To Li Election

Peiping, May 1.

Academic circles here which form an unofficial "brains trust" in China's cultural capital today generally hailed General Li Tsung-jen's election to the Vice-Presidency as the Nationalist Government's most hopeful chance of righting its heel since the U.S. Secretary of State, George Marshall, tried to smooth the stormy waters of the Chinese civil war in 1946.

Most qualified observers, who have studied Li Tsung-jen's career during his postwar mission in Peiping as the Generalissimo's personal representative, believe that the Kuomintang general is a man of determination to do his best to carry through reforms.

Marshall's and Li Gen. Albert Wedemeyer's contention that military means cannot defeat the Communists was widely quoted in support of arguments that reforms are desperately needed to generate popular backing of the Nationalist Government.

Some Skeptical

Some quarters, however, mostly on the leftist fringe, were skeptical of the opinion that even such a forceful personality as Li Tsung-jen can drive the Government into effective overhauling of itself.

Interest in whether Li Tsung-jen will be frustrated by "back room" opposition is very keen among all quarters polled. Strong support for Li Tsung-jen, both within and outside the Government, was revealed during the election itself, one qualified observer told the United Press.

"Thousands of important figures throughout the country feel that a new era must come now or never," he knows this. He is not the "Bumb" (bumbum) kind."

American sentiment here over the election is generally favourable.

The general's entrance into the bitter, closed, governing circle is regarded as a sign that Chinese democracy is on the up-grade.

Chinese political quarters indicated that the manner in which China uses the American aid recently passed by the Congress will, to a large degree, affect chances of future aid. Li Tsung-jen's election on a strong efficiency reform platform, these observers said, heightens the hope that the present aid will be put to good use.—United Press.

ENCOURAGING SIGNS FOR THE PRESS

London, Apr. 30.

The World's Press News, organ of British newspaperdom, in an editorial today expressed "our pleasant surprise" at the relative progress made in defining purposes and objectives of the United Nations conference on freedom of information and press at Geneva.

"This was achieved in spite of inevitable opposition, expressed by the Soviet Union and its supporters," said the News.

"The fact that the opposition failed and that there was sufficient strength in the conference to carry three major conventions submitted and some 40-odd resolutions is an encouraging sign and we accord due praise to the organisers and supporters."

"For the first time the view can be fairly held that some basic progress has been made and the foundation laid on which a worthy super-structure may eventually be erected."

"The conference plainly has done much to improve the basis of understanding between newspapermen the world over."

"It has affirmed certain principles which can guide future action. We commend the progress made."

The Newspaper World, another trade weekly, published an interview in which James Murray Watson, editor of the Scotsman and member of the British delegation, expressed the belief that the conference had been "well worthwhile" if only because, for the first time in history, the governments and journalists of 55 nations met to discuss their mutual press in a conciliatory atmosphere.—United Press.

Working Rules

London, Apr. 30.

The Economist said in an editorial today: "Public diplomacy concluded in Geneva last week one of its less successful occasions... the mental exercises did everybody good and quite a number of good principles about freedom of the press are now pinned down as working rules."

"Little harm and quite a lot of good has been done; yet the result of so much labour by so many officials at so much cost"

Paris Subway Strike

Paris, May 1.

The subway service in Paris was crippled today as members of the Independent Subway Workers' Union struck for higher wages and job reclassifications.

Subway workers of the Communist-dominated General Federation of Labour boycotted the strike in an effort to keep the subway running for riders who wanted to take part in the May Day demonstrations.

CGT workers managed to keep a few lines in operation on reduced schedules but the company spokesman said the subway service was "irregular and reduced."

Bus lines operated by CGT unionists are running regular holiday schedules.

The independent union represents most of the city's subway motormen and guards. Members of the union voted 603 to 32 in favour of a strike at a meeting on Friday night.

A session of the CGT's general assembly of subway workers urged maximum operations between noon and 8 p.m. to assure a large attendance at the traditional labour demonstrations.

BRITISH REFS IN DEMAND

London, Apr. 29.

Brazil has asked the English Football Association for English referees for its big soccer tournaments.

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"TREVAN"	Shanghai, Penang, Aden, Port Said, Genoa, Marseilles, London, Antwerp, Rotterdam (Amsterdam) U.K.	30th May
"ORBITA"	Shanghai & Japan	30th June
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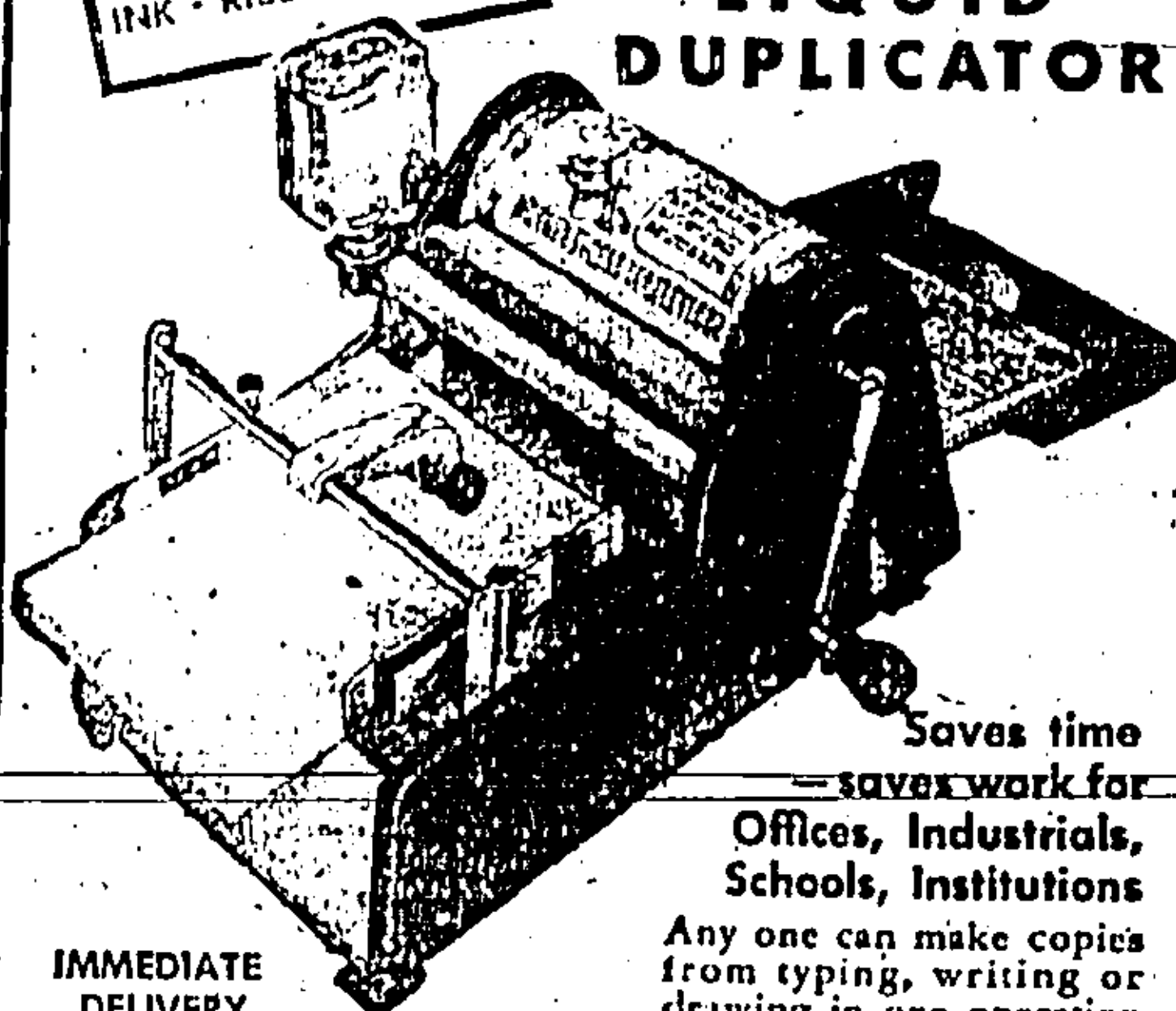
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Through tickets (22 races—\$44) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurers, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, also tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the "Lantau Handicap" (2nd race—1st day). The latter may also be purchased at the Club's Branch Office No. 382, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

The sale of tickets for the Lantau Handicap will CLOSE on Friday 14th May at the Branch Office Kowloon at 4 p.m. and at the Treasurers' Office, Exchange Building, Hong Kong, at 5.00 p.m. The draw will take place at the Public Fair Mutual Hall at the Race Course, at 11 a.m. on Saturday 15th May.

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The Treasurers' Comptroller Office will close at 9.30 a.m. each day. The Secretary's Office will close at 11.45 a.m. the first day and at 10 a.m. on the second day. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

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Reds' All-Out Campaign On Kalgan

Shanghai, May 1. Communist manoeuvres on the Inner Mongolian border strongly point to an all-out campaign against Kalgan. The ripest time for such an attack will be in May when the Reds are expected to launch their summer offensive in Manchuria. By meshing their Manchurian campaign with an attack against Kalgan—which the Reds once regarded as their second capital and held up as a "model Communist city"—the Communists would be using one as a diversionary measure for the other. They possibly would split the Government's defences in half. If the Nationalists tried to hold both Manchuria and Kalgan, the Reds would stand the chance of a double kill.

Taking Shape

Meanwhile, Red strategy around Kalgan—gateway to Inner Mongolia—appears to be taking definite shape. The picture of Kalgan—inside a ring of low mountains slashed with passes on three sides—is as a hub of an immense wheel with three spokes.

To the north leads to the ancient pass that the conquerors of Kalgan have used since the time of the Mongol Genghis Khan. Nationalist General Fu Tso-yi, cavalry, drove through that pass to capture Kalgan in October, 1946. During the last two weeks the Reds have been probing Government defences in the pass. In testing the strength of the Nationalist outposts they have raided Changpai, only 17 miles away. They have been active as far north as Tolun (Dolort). To the southwest in Shansi Province is Taitung—the Nationalists' last bulwark on the Sui-yun railroad before Kalgan. The Reds have practically bottled up Taitung. They have been besieging Yingshi, 30 miles to the south in an attempt to complete the job. They have also crippled the rail line westward from Kalgan.

To the southwest runs the railroad to Peiping. It is still in Government hands but the Reds have been cutting it at regular intervals. When the Communists lost Kalgan a year and a half ago and then Yenian—their capital—six months later, they vowed they would get both of them back.

First Setback

The loss of Kalgan—trade centre between Inner Mongolia and North China—was the first major setback in the civil war. The loss of Yenian was hardly more humiliating. They recaptured Yenian earlier this month. By staging a campaign in southern Shensi Province the Reds threatened to isolate the Government garrison there. The Nationalists pulled out.

The Communists right now are probably shifting their headquarters back to Yenian from their mountain hideout farther north. Fu Tso-yi, commander of the Government's anti-Communist forces in all North China, has shifted some of his crack troops from Kalgan to North China—and even Manchuria.

Whether he has weakened Kalgan's defences remains to be seen. If he has the Communists are certain to attack. Associated Press.

CURRENCY DEVALUATION

New York, Apr. 30. The World Monetary Fund has declared that the United Nations that a number of countries must reduce the value of their currencies if they are to expand their exports trade, according to a report published this morning in the Wall Street Journal.

The statement was made in a special report to the United Nations Employment Commission. Reuter.

China's Olympic Team

Win For Olympic Team

Manila, May 1. China's Olympic 11 easily defeated the Manila Football League all China selection, with a score of 6-0 before 10,000 spectators, mostly Chinese, at Rizal Memorial Football Stadium tonight.

The local team was unable to penetrate the Olympic defence almost throughout the game.

Chow Men-chi, of the visiting team, was highest scorer. Associated Press.

Semi-Finals Postponed

(By Argonaut)

Great disappointment has been felt among local badminton players and fans at the postponement of the Semi-finals of the Colony Championships.

The reason given was that several of the semi-finalists are going to Shanghai to represent the Hong Kong Chinese in the China National Athletic Meeting.

This sounded extremely unfair to the players concerned as it seemed to give the impression that it was necessary to postpone the various games just on account of a privileged few. But in reality, all these postponements would not have been necessary if the week beginning April 26 had been utilised by the Association to play off these matches.

As things are now, it is useless to cry over spilt milk but it is hoped that the same mistake will not be made again for the next season.

However, the following semi-final games will be played off on May 7 at the K.C.C., starting at 8 p.m.

Junior Singles: A. L. Fisher v. W. C. Chung; S. Saul v. K. Y. Tam.

Mixed Doubles: J. J. Remedios and Miss O. Silva v. R. Young and Miss U. Khoo.

Junior Doubles: A. Ho and S. F. Chiu v. A. Bayat and F. M. Ribeiro. Close scores are expected in all the games. In the Junior Singles the two games will produce two contrasting types of play.

A. L. Fisher and Chung are both good lobbers, but Chung will have the advantage of youth on his side and a good drop shot.

S. Saul and K. Y. Tam are both hard smashers and hitlers, but Tam possesses better courtcraft and positional play.

Even Bet

The mixed Doubles will be an even bet. On paper R. Young and U. Khoo ought to win, but both of them are often very erratic and R. Young, though a good singles player, is now in the Mixed Doubles game.

The Junior Doubles will be interesting, with the odds slightly in favour of the Ribeiro pair, who can smash harder.

At the last minute a Malayan badminton team consisting of four male and two female players was flown by Fraser and Neave Ltd. to travel to Shanghai and take part in the exhibition matches at the China National Athletic Meeting.

The men will probably include Wong Peng Soon, Col. Teik Hock and Ong Poh Lin, three of Malaya's best.

The badminton meet in Shanghai, therefore, will more or less be an inter-colonial inter-port contest among Hong Kong, Shanghai and Malaya, although Hong Kong's team will not be the best available.

It is hoped that the Malayan players will be induced to stop for a few days at Hong Kong and play some exhibition games for the interest of local badminton enthusiasts.

FOOTBALLERS RETURNING

Manila, Apr. 30. The Chinese South China football team from Hong Kong has decided to cancel their remaining three scheduled games here to return to the Colony either on Monday or Tuesday, it is learned.

The decision is said to be prompted by the fact that six of the team's 18 players are still suffering from injuries received during their play here. The South China was originally scheduled to play a series of six games here, and have lost all three matches they played so far. Central News.

China's Olympic Team

Shanghai, May 1. China expects to enter 50 athletes in the London Olympic Games, Tung Shou-yi, Secretary General of the China National Amateur Athletic Federation, said today.

Tung said half of an estimated £35,000 required for China's participation has been raised. The Government will be asked to contribute the rest.

Actually the number of athletes of China to be sent to London will depend upon the results of the seventh national athletic meeting—China's pre-Olympic tryouts—opening here on May 5.

Meanwhile, most of the 3,000 athletes from China and other East-Asian countries who will compete in the games, gathered here during the week-end, are on route.

Chinese Thanks For U.S. Aid

Chicago, May 1. The Chinese Ambassador, Wellington Koo, expressing gratitude for the "new United States policy" of increased aid for his country, said today that one of the major Chinese needs was an "adequate supply of munitions and technical assistance to certain branches of the Chinese Army."

Speaking at the Executive Club here, Koo for the first time charged directly that Russia was backing the Chinese Communists in their bid for the domination of that area. He said of the Chinese Communists that "their revolt is regarded as part and parcel of a global plan of the Communists to dominate the world."

Koo said the problem of demoralizing China could be resolved only after the Communists were "thoroughly liquidated" and United States assistance was vital to accomplish that.

He said the United States "highly developed war production facilities and skill and experience" in training different kinds of personnel of the armed services could help China with the greatest effectiveness.

Technicians Wanted

Koo urged the United States to lend American technicians and specialists in monetary matters to assist his government in accomplishing monetary reform.

Koo said the United States intention to contribute a "steady flow of commodities to China" would be a big factor in reducing inflation and added that the rehabilitation of railways under the China aid programme also would be of great benefit.

He added also that coal mine rehabilitation in central China, if carried out under the reconstruction aspects of American aid, would be of great importance.

Koo expressed the opinion that United States aid to China, while it is very small compared to the assistance given to Europe, would be of "moral value far beyond the amount of dollars and cents involved."

Deriding assertions of disunity within, Koo said, "The heart of the people is sound and the will of the nation is strong."

He concluded with the assertion that "China desires to work out her own destiny and contribute to the wellbeing of the world. She welcomes aid from her friendly and sympathetic people of the United States and with such aid, she can carry out her mission more quickly and with greater benefit not only to her own people but also to the cause of humanity and peace of the world."—United Press.

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